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## SHOULDER QUIT

### He wants to go to Germany, England

Jim Shoulder (pictured) does not want to continue as coach of the Australian national team.

Shoulder, who has held the position since Brian Green resigned in 1975, wants to go to Europe.

"Taking on the job of Australian coach would mean staying in Australia for another four or five years," said Shoulder, "but I've been here nearly three years and I need a break."

Shoulder wants to do coaching courses in Germany and England.

"I want to learn as much as possible about the game," said Jim, "and see as many people as I can." Shoulder's contract with the Australian Soccer Federation expires in October and in the meantime, he is being kept

By KYLE PATTERSON



busy with coaching clinics around the country.

In his time as Australian coach, Shoulder came under fire from the Press and people within the game. However, he refused to be upset by it. "If I entered a slanging match with someone in the Press," said Jim, "then

I would be going down to their level. I refuse to do that."

He also has a strict personal rule on talking about other coaches.

"Coaches shouldn't criticise one another in public," he said, "as it is against professional ethics."

Shoulder is quick to point out that Australia is not the only place where national team coaches can become unpopular overnight.

"Some of the things thrown at me by the Press," he said, "were kids' stuff compared with things that the English Press threw at Don Revie when he was England manager."

The ASF moved on Saturday to start the ball rolling to select a national coach.

Shoulder was full of praise for Ron Smith, former director of Coaching in Victoria, who recently returned home to England.

"Ron Smith," said Shoulder, "is a very good coach and administrator and worked tremendously hard for Victorian soccer."

"He has laid the foundations," he continued, "of a very good coaching network in Victoria and people will realise the worth of Ron Smith when they reap the benefits in a few years' time."

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Dixie Deans in happier times, as top scorer in the Philips League.

### Deans may go to prison

Dixie Deans, top scorer in the Philips League last year, faces a possible jail sentence in Scotland.

Deans, 31, has been charged with assaulting a policeman at Paisley.

He is also charged with having refused a breath test, being drunk and disorderly and having refused to give a blood sample.

Deans has pleaded not guilty and his trial has been set for April 5.

Apparently police stopped a car in which Deans and a number of other people were travelling.

Deans may now be unable to rejoin Adelaide Juventus, the club he played for last season.

Juventus may sign South Melbourne Hellas striker Graham French as Deans' replacement.

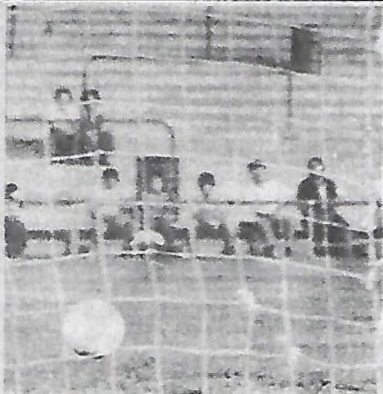
French, who is on the

transfer list (see story page 2), was in Adelaide for a trial at the weekend, and Sydney Olympic is also interested in him.

Deans didn't arrive until the eighth round of the 1977 season, yet still scored 18 goals.

He made his name playing for Celtic in Scotland.

### PETROVSKI MAKES IT 3-0



Lube Petrovski (in stripes) scores one of the goals in Preston Makedonia's 3-0 win over Ringwood Wilhelmina in the opening round of the Victorian Ampol Cup series at Olympic Park.

The picture by SAM BELFONTE also shows Ringwood goalkeeper Paul Wilding, recruited from Mooroolbark, and Gary Groenewald, recruited from Hakoah-St. Kilda.

The rebuilt Makedonia team, coached by the experienced Bill Dumbell, is now one of the Cup favorites.

"Soccer Action" will feature a special four-page liftout on the Makedonia club in next week's issue. Don't miss it.



### Charlton back

Bobby Charlton's All-Stars, who lost 1-2 to Australia last year, are likely to play at Olympic Park in May. Derby County's game in Melbourne has been set for May 21, and Hajduk Split will be here at the end of July.

### Israeli to City

Brisbane City has signed former Israeli under 23 international Jakob Shanee and Western Suburbs full back Steve Parry. City is also expecting two First Division

### BREMNER FOR HELLAS?

South Melbourne Hellas has been approached about taking former Scotland and Leeds captain Billy Bremner for guest games during the English off-season.

Bremner is currently with Hull City.

He was offered to George Cross, but the Maltese club decided he would be too expensive.

Hellas president Sam Pappasavas said this week he would accept Bremner but that nothing definite had been arranged.



Billy Bremner

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# OLLERTON: DAMN THE PRESS



Socceroo striker Peter Ollerton: says he will no longer tour with the Socceroos.

**'Don't know what they're talking about'**

By KYLE PATTERSON

Peter Ollerton certainly wasn't a popular person in soccer circles last season. The majority of Australia's soccer public and soccer writers was calling for Ollerton to be axed from the Australian team.

The ill-feeling reached a peak when the big South Melbourne Hellas striker was omitted from his club team but held his place in the national team.

Ollerton was struggling to find form and the Press thought it time he was dropped.

"I don't give a damn what the Press thinks," he said, "because most of them have never played soccer and don't know what they are talking about."

"The only time you hear from one certain Melbourne Sunday writer is when someone has been hit on the head with a bottle," he continues. "He only promotes the bad side of the game."

The Australian team and coach Jimmy Shoulder came under fire during the dismal World Cup performance.

The future development of Australian soccer hinged on qualifying for Argentina, and now that we have missed out, Ollerton and his national team colleagues are villains.

"We aren't villains," he said. "How are we supposed to succeed when we are underpaid part-timers playing against professionals?"

"The travel doesn't help either," he continues. "After travelling with the Australian team for four years, the last tour really got me down."

Ollerton says he never again wants to tour overseas with the Australian team.

"I'd gladly play in any games the team has in Australia, but I'm not touring," he said.

Lack of support of the national team by

Australian soccer fans was another thing which hindered the World Cup bid, according to Peter.

"Crowds make a lot of difference to a team," he said. "We would get 10,000 spectators at our games in Australia, while Iran had 100,000 supporters when it played in its own country."

Ollerton's career in the Australian team could well be over, but what about Hellas? Peter claims he wasn't "dropped" from the Hellas side last season.

"I have never been dropped in my life," he maintains. "What happened last season was blown up by the Press."

The incident happened at a training session the night before Hellas was due to leave for Adelaide for a game.

"I had a disagreement with coach Con Xanthopoulos and he said he would leave me in Melbourne if I didn't do what he ordered. I ignored him and as a result, I didn't go to Adelaide."

You can decide for yourself if that constitutes being dropped.

Ollerton criticised the two coaches at Hellas last year, Manny Poulakis and Xanthopoulos.

"Training was so routine that the players' attitude suffered. This year, under Dave MacLaren, training has been varied and challenging," Ollerton said.

"I'd like Hellas fans to forget last year and give us good support this season," Ollerton says. "The team has the right attitude now and we will bring success to South Melbourne."



SM-Hellas striker Graham French — bought for \$10,000 from Mooroolbark.

## \$10,000 MAN SEEKING A TRANSFER

South Melbourne Hellas striker Graham French is on the transfer list.

French, who joined Hellas from Mooroolbark at the start of last season for \$10,000, said there was no bitterness between him and the club.

"My going on the transfer list was in the best interests of both the club and myself," said French.

French wants to play first-team football in the Philips League.

At Hellas he won't get that chance.

"Dave MacLaren said that he would be using either Peter Ollerton or me in the forward line," said Graham, "and seeing that Peter is club captain, he would get the nod ahead of me."

"Being a reserve is not my cup of tea," he continued, "so a move was the only thing. The club agreed, so it was a mutual decision."

Hellas will probably ask for around \$8,000.

French had a bad season last year and struggled to find form like a lot of other players in the Hellas team.

"No-one was more disappointed than I," said Graham.

"The style of play at Hellas didn't suit my game," he continued.

"We were using two wingers, but there wasn't one game in which they both played well and gave me good service. As well as that, our midfield never got going."

"I'm as keen as mustard to show everybody that I have got the ability," he said, "but I will be sorry to leave Hellas. It's such a good club with a great bunch of players."

French is prepared to leave Melbourne to stay in the P.S.L.

In the meantime, he will keep training to maintain his fitness.

"A lot of people thought I didn't try last year," said Graham, "which is totally wrong. I hope I can find a new club quickly and settle down and show everyone what I can do on the park."

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# Stevenson and Picioane for new midfield!

John Stevenson, Joe Picioane and Gary Meier are three names to keep in mind when speculating about the composition of the 1978 Australian team.

All are in the right age group for our next World Cup campaign whose qualifying matches will be played in 1981.

Stevenson is the dynamic Hakoah-East's midfielder who previously played for St. Johnstone in Scotland.

He's been in Australia about three years and certainly could be persuaded to meet the qualification requirements.

Picioane is another midfielder, of the Footscray J.U.S.T. club.

His ball skills are superior to that of at least 99 per cent of Australian players. His work rate is incredible, he scores goals and he has the knack for the creative and the unexpected.

Meier is Sydney Olympic's goalkeeper. Big, strong, fearless, he impressed most expert judges last season. As Jack Reilly will be in his mid-thirties in 1981, Meier should join the other two Soccerroo goalkeepers, Allan Maher (Marconi) and Todd Clarke (Hakoah).

Stevenson, Picioane and Meier are three talented players who stand out among those with claim to a place in the national squad.

Many of the 1977 Soccerroos will have to be replaced. Even thorough champions like Jimmy Rooney can't last forever, although you never know with this human dynamo.

Peter Wilson, Attila Abonyi, Dave Harding, Peter Ollerton and perhaps George Harris will probably be out of contention.

On the other hand, Peter Stone (West's) and Richie Bell (Olympic) are a must, while Gary Marocchi, David Jones, Harry Williams, Gary Byrne, Col Bennett, Murray Barnes, Mendo Ristovski, Peter Sharpe, Mark Jankovic and Duncan Cummings will all come into calculations again.

The national squad in the next three years will probably be formed around the nucleus of: Stone, Maher, Bell, Clarke, Jones, Bennett, Williams, Byrne, Sharpe and Barnes.

A few experienced, mature players are desperately needed.

It would be wise to consider Fitzroy-Alexander's right back Arthur McMillan as a possible as soon as he meets residential requirements. McMillan has been in Australia just on a year.

He is one of the toughest, most determined and most aggressive attacking defenders in the Phillips League.

Jim Hermiston, now with Brisbane Lions, said last year his ambition was to break into the Australian team, having already been in Scotland's 1974 World Cup squad.

He will be 33 at the time of the World Cup qualifying games, but for a player of his

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Sydney Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier, in line for the national squad, with another possible Soccerroo, centre back Jim Kondarios (left) of J.U.S.T.

calibre, that wouldn't necessarily be too old.

Obviously, we need at least one new centre back. Apart from Hermiston, others who will be considered are: Jim Kondarios (J.U.S.T.), Steve O'Connor (Hakoah), and hopefully, Tony Henderson of Canberra, although he's another one who has to first meet residential qualifications.

Few soccer followers disagree that Branko Buljevic should have been in the 1977 team. His omission is still one of the major soccer mysteries.

Buljevic, the elegant Fitzroy-Alexander forward, will be 32 in 1981, but at that age, he should still have lots to offer, so he should be one of the first players rushed into the new national squad.

Doubt surrounds the immediate availability of John Kosmina, who is in England with Arsenal. If he makes it there, he may not be able to play for Australia.

Peter Sharpe of Marconi was tried out a few times last year and should have been given longer to prove himself. Similarly, Mendo Ristovski of J.U.S.T. was not given enough time, and Joe Palinkas of J.U.S.T. could also be tried out.

Ian McGregor of West Adelaide Hellas is another nippy type who may be given his chance.

Among the promising central strikers are Gary Cole (Alexander), Bertie Mariani (Marconi), and Neville Morgan (St. George).

The experienced men, who at the moment are ineligible, include Terry Smith (Hakoah), and Brian Stoddart

(Canberra). Tony Henderson could also be used as a central striker.

Others with a chance of breaking into the squad are: full back Barry Reynolds (West Adelaide), utility players John O'Shea (St. George), full back Kevin Mullen (Hakoah), defender Paul Degney (Marconi), forward Phil O'Connor (St. George), midfielder Joe Senkalaki (Olympic), and perhaps Slav Catalovski (Newcastle).

And let's not forget 17-year-old Craig Johnston, the former Lake Macquarie (NSW) player who recently broke into the first team of English First Division club Middlesbrough.

If Johnston can make it with Middlesbrough, he can surely play for Australia providing he gets a release at the right time.

And, who knows? South Melbourne Hellas' former Irish international Bertie Luton may, like Hermiston, end up playing for a second national team.

The number of full international matches of men who are still playing:

62-Wilson, 60-Abonyi, 48-Baartz, 46-Rooney, 39-Alston, 34-Ujesenovic, 32-Richards, 31-Vojtek, Ollerton, 28-Bennett, 26-Harris, 22-Buljevic, Byrne, 19-Curran, Kosmina, 18-Muniz, Harding, Clarke, 17-Williams, 16-Barnes, 15-Reilly, 14-Campbell, 13-J. Nyskohus, Maher, 9-Marocchi, 8-Stone, 7-Romanowicz, 5-Tansey, 4-Perin, Ilt, Bell, Ainslie, 3-B. Nyskohus, Armstrong, 2-P. O'Connor, Ian Johnston, Irvine, deLyster, Butler, 1-Sharpe, Russell, Ristovski, Mullen, Jankovic, Gnavi, Davies, Cummings, Jones.



Peter Wilson (left) and Jimmy Rooney (right) — out of contention for the next World Cup?



Sydney Sports Ground, 1974 — the then Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam (left) greets Rale Rasic before Australia's triumphant game against Uruguay. In the middle is ASF president Sir Arthur George. Has Sir Arthur let bygones be bygones?

## Rasic is the man

The formation of the new Australian squad depends upon decisions made by the Australian Soccer Federation at its meeting on February 18.

The meeting will decide when to appoint a national coach. It may even decide who is to be appointed.

Apparently the ASF approached Czech-based Joe Venglos but the latest information is that he has not replied to the letters.

Of the coaches in Australia, the man with the best credentials for the job is obviously Rale Rasic who led the Soccerroos from 1970 to 1974.

He knows the strengths and weaknesses of every significant player in Australia and he has been associated with people of all nationalities in his 15-year association with soccer in NSW and Victoria.

Let's face it, even a leading coach from overseas would take at least a year to settle down and develop a thorough appreciation and understanding of local conditions.

Has ASF president Sir Arthur George allowed enough to reappoint Rasic? These two have had differences in the past.

The Greek national team will play in Melbourne on June 11, Adelaide on June 14 and Sydney on June 18. Obviously Australia should be the opponent and if so, we need a national coach.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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# MALTESE CLASH AT ST. ALBANS

**The Maltese will be out in force at Green Gully Reserve in St. Albans on Sunday when Ajax tackles 1977 champion George Cross in the second round of the Ampol Cup.**

The big clash follows the meeting between Slavia and Albion Leyland, which kicks off at 1:30 pm.

With new players Nick Cook, David Perkins and now Stan Klain in its line-up, Ajax will prove a formidable opponent for the more accomplished George Cross.

Perkins scored two good goals against Frankston last week and is supported by talented players Lee Thomson (ex-Alexander) and Andy Segi.

Coach John Grimsey experimented by pulling John Patten back into defence and it worked like a charm. Patten and Peter Donaldson will make it extremely difficult for George Cross' champion striker Ken Reed and Joe Thompson will do all in his power to shackle the brilliant Kevin Walker.

However, if Ajax is to cause an upset in this game, it will have to concentrate heavily on the midfield, where George Cross appears much stronger.

**Slavia v. Albion Leyland**  
(Green Gully Reserve, 1:30 pm Sunday)

Despite Slavia's slow start to the series (it lost 0-1 to Altona), there is little chance it will lose this week to Albion Leyland.

Albion had glaring weaknesses in defence in its game against Sunshine — weaknesses that will be exploited by Carl Gilder, Jim Williams and hopefully Steve Bentele if he's used in a more attacking role.

Yet Albion's big man, Bill McCormack, poses a constant threat to any defence, and Alan Quinn and Mick D'Sylva are nippy enough to get past the most astute defenders.

**Ringwood v. Sunshine**  
(Olympic Park, 7:30 pm Friday)

Obviously Ringwood can't get any worse than it was against Makedonia last week, so Sunshine won't be able to take it too easily.

Sunshine should, however, win quite comfortably because in Ray Pocock, David Nelson, Jim McRobert and Terry Banagan, it has players who are much more penetrating than anything Ringwood can offer.

Many of the Ringwood players appear too slow or too lazy. A youngster like Gary Greenswald, for example, should be much busier than he was against Makedonia, and it's time John O'Callaghan took off a few pounds.

**Essendon v. Frankston**  
(Olympic Park, 9 pm Friday)

Essendon-Croatia is one of the favorites for the 1977 Ampol Cup, and rightfully so. Frankston may have a winner in Vince Bannon, but Croatia has an equally effective right back in Grant Smart.

Frankston coach Brian Edgley apparently tore strips off his players after their 1-2 loss to Green Gully last week, so presumably, there'll be a big improvement on Friday.

The difference, however, will need to be like night and day.

**Hakoah v. Juventus**  
(Cochrane Reserve, Preston, 1:30 pm Saturday)

Juventus played well enough in beating George Cross last week and will be even better if Mick Watkins plays the whole game instead of only half of it.

Uli Pfisterer and Steve Walker should be untroubled by Hakoah's non-existent attack, but Juventus coach Bobby Thomson will be looking for a little more from his midfielders.

If Juventus manages to sign a central striker in time for this game, Hakoah will again be doomed to defeat, despite the sterling efforts of Bill Jordanou in defence.

**Makedonia v. Altona**  
(Cochrane Reserve Preston, 3 pm Saturday)

Makedonia's latest recruit Lou Adams is likely to play his first full game, giving support to goal machine George McMillan.

Extra strength up front will come from Paul Hallam, and midfielders Eric Leabriel and Lube Petrovski coming through from behind.

Altona's defence is well drilled but against the fast-moving Makedonia raiders, it is likely to crack. — LAURIE SCHWAB

## Nelson, Pocock in top form

**SUNSHINE 2 (D. Nelson 2, incl. pen.) ALBION LEYLAND 2 (Quinn, McCormack) after extra time, Sunshine won on penalties 4-1.**

SUNSHINE: Johnson 5; Mussell 5; Dixey 6; Plotowski 6; Howe 6; McCarthy 6; T. Banagan 7; R. Nelson 8; McRobert 5 (Gilmour 5, full time); Pocock 8; D. Nelson 8; Coach: Bill Walsh.

ALBION LEYLAND: Over 5; McCluskey 4; Malkousis 5; Nesbitt 5; Johnson 5; Green 7; Bentley 5; D'Sylva 6; Prothier 5 (Lenders 7th); McCormack 6; Quinn 6; Coach: Tommy McPherson.

Scottish import David Nelson and star striker Ray Pocock spearheaded a second-half recovery by Sunshine City which should have produced enough goals to beat Albion Leyland decisively at Kim Reserve, Altona.

However, as it turned out, Sunshine was forced into a penalties showdown before it finally won the game.

Nelson, brother of Sunshine midfielder Robbie, played virtually unopposed on the left wing. Albion's new right back Danny McCluskey from South Melbourne Hellas, looked embarrassingly unfit and as a result, was unable to keep up with Nelson.

Meanwhile, Pocock was winning the ball in the middle against Bob Nesbitt. McCluskey and Nesbitt changed positions late in the game but it made no difference to the effectiveness of Nelson and Pocock.

Of the other Sunshine players, Terry Banagan did fine work in midfield, Mike Dixey and Kaz Plotowski were capable centre backs, Ian McCarthy put in a good effort in midfield and Hugh Howe was solid at left back.

However, Frank Mussell looked lost in his new right back position and Jim McRobert wasted many good opportunities in attack before being replaced by Stewart Gilmour.

Robbie Nelson was incredible for about 15 minutes of the second half but faded away afterwards. Had he sustained that effort, he would have been clearly the best man afield.

Best of the Albion players was midfielder Ken Green, who was often chopped down for his efforts. Mike D'Sylva did some industrious fetching, Alan Quinn scored a good goal and always had the better of Mussell, while big Bill McCormack was a constant threat to the Sunshine defence.

Albion will get better. It has signed former George Cross player Derek Doogan and has at least four of its top players to come back into the side.

They are Jim Daperis who didn't play against Sunshine because he was on his honeymoon, Bill McIntyre and Chris Cain who are holidaying in the UK and Alex Wark who is recovering from a broken leg.

Albion took the lead in the 10th minute when Quinn dashed into the penalty area on the left and slipped his angled shot past Bill Johnson.

D'Sylva almost put Albion further ahead when he got clear on the edge of the area, but his shot hit the bottom of the post, with Sunshine's defenders standing there staring at him.

David Nelson should have been given a penalty when McCluskey grabbed him by the shirt, but the referee waved play on.

George Malkousis gave away a free kick which almost spelled doom for Albion. McCarthy lined it up from about 25 metres and hit a great shot that Jeff Oliver just managed to punch over for a corner.

In the 54th minute David Nelson had the ball pushed to him on the left and dashed into the penalty area before shooting through Oliver's legs for the equalising goal.

A few moments later Robbie Nelson was shown the yellow card for chopping down Green.

With the score 2-2, extra time was played in an attempt to break the deadlock.

Sunshine got the break it was looking for when Malkousis charged into the back of Banagan and conceded a penalty.

David Nelson took the shot and put Sunshine into the lead. But with five minutes to go, D'Sylva darted down the line, brushed off a challenge from Howe and crossed for McCormack to head home the equaliser.

In the penalties showdown Rob Nelson, Gilmour, Pocock and Howe all shot accurately.

McCormack scored for Albion but McCluskey and Gordon Bentley kicked straight to goalkeeper Johnson, who saved. That gave Sunshine a 4-1 advantage.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## MANDALIS GOES FOR ESSENDON!

**ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Kerr, Davidson) HAKOAH 0.**

HAKOAH: Harburn 4, Vail 8, Calomino 7, Gadsby 6, Edmondson 7, Jordanou 8, Rainey 5, Blair 5, Craig 6, Stevens 5, Bozinovski 6. CROATIA: Petrovski 7, Smart 5, Bentley 7, Gardiner 6, Kokoska 7, Andrews 7, Davidson 8, Kerr 7, Krncevic 8, Culina 6, Murphy 6.

Essendon Croatia, under new playing-coach John Gardiner, was too good for the weakened Hakoah side.

Hakoah was without 1977 Rothman Medal winner David Baker and ex-Victorian team goalkeeper Mike O'Hara. Baker has not been training and it is assumed he has retired, and O'Hara has been trying to get a transfer to a P.S.L. club. However, Hakoah is hopeful of getting the colorful O'Hara back.

Croatia couldn't play newly-signed Tommy Cumming because of technicalities arising over his residence in Australia.

Cumming, who has been in Australia two years, had only a temporary residence visa from the Department of Immigration.

Sunshine, which brought Tommy to Australia, agreed to certain conditions with the Department regarding Cumming's residence and as a result his transfer from Sunshine to Croatia must be cleared by Immigration authorities.

Brian Davidson opened the scoring for Croatia in the 16th minute. Full-back Grant Smart passed to Eddie Krncevic who sent Davidson away with a good through ball. Davidson went around the advancing Steve Harburn in Hakoah's goal and slotted the ball between two defenders who were trying to cover the open net.

Davidson had many chances and once blasted the ball over the bar with the keeper beaten.

Alan Kerr got the second goal in the 55th minute with a close range shot after the ball dropped to him from a corner.

John Gardiner played a masterly game for Croatia as a sweeper and with the rest of the back-four, Steve Kokoska, Smart and Ante Bilaver, gave the Hakoah forwards little chance of scoring.

Steve Rainey, "Soccer Action" State League player of the year last season, played on the wing, a position which didn't suit him.

After the game, Hakoah coach Mike Mandalis said: "Croatia was too fast for us. I reckon they'll win the Cup."



Charlie Smith (right) leaves goalkeeper Lou Kastner flat-footed with the penalty that beat George Cross. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

## Smith penalty beats Cross

By  
**LAURIE SCHWAB**

**JUVENTUS 1 (Smith penalty) GEORGE CROSS 0 after extra time.**

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 8; McConville 6; Webb 8; Maitland 6; Barron 5; Wilkinson 5; Murphy 7; Cutajar 7; Mirak 4; (Lawler 74th) Reed 6; Walker 6.

JUVENTUS: Graham 8; Della Rocca 5; Pfisterer 8; Walker 6; Terquino 6; Smith 7; Sablousal 6; Sannipoli 6; Santangelo 5 (Watkins 8 half time) Curcio 5; J. Lucchesi 5.

Juventus beat George Cross 1-0 with a dramatic penalty converted by captain Charlie Smith a minute from the end of extra time.

The match had remained scoreless until then because of excellent goalkeeping by Lou Kastner and Hugh Graham and determined defending by Uli Pfisterer and John Webb.

Referee Beazleigh awarded the penalty in a goalmouth scramble during which Alex McConville appeared to handle the ball.

A brief scuffle broke out after the final whistle among some of the players protesting against the penalty decision.

Pfisterer was Juventus' hero early in the game when he single-handedly felled George Cross' many dangerous attacks.

Juventus won a bigger share of the attacking play after Mick Watkins, the 1977 State League Player of the Year, came on as a substitute for Rocco Santangelo at half time.

Watkins dominated the right side and started every

attack that looked like getting anywhere.

However, John Webb lifted his game to meet the challenge and consistently won the ball in the middle of the defence. Certainly his opponent Tony Curcio from Altona, was no match for Webb.

Ken Reed and Kevin Walker came close to scoring for George Cross and Smith was unlucky with a few long-range pildrivers late in the game but it took the controversial penalty to split the two teams.

It was an unfortunate way

for the game to end, for both sides had fought valiantly and there was little to separate them.

Juventus desperately needs a central striker now that Dino DelMarchi has switched to Fawkner. There's been talk about Juventus signing Slavia's John Cain but apparently Cain has been asking for too much.

Smith, who has replaced Pat Della Rocca as team captain, was effective in Juventus' midfield but the overall midfield battle was won by George Cross pair Paul Murphy and Phil Cutajar.

## Ajax signs Stan Klain

**FRANKSTON 1 (Eadie) GREEN GULLY AJAX 2 (Perkin 2).**

AJAX: Denys 7, Thompson 6, Donaldson 6, Cole 6, Tribuzzio 6 (Hami, half-time 5; Klain, 56th min.), Cook 7, Thomson 6, Gambin 7, Perkin 9, Segi 6.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 6, Bannon 6, Irvine 4, Adams 4, Williamson 4, Gillespie 4 (Campbell, 56th min.), Webster 4, Tulloch 4, MacGregor 4, Eadie 4, Speers 4 (Bray, 66th min.).

Stan Klain, former Kellor City star, has joined Green Gully Ajax from Polonia.

Klain's two-year contract with Polonia expired at the end of last season and he joined Ajax for a fee stipulated in the contract.

Stan comes from a soccer-playing family.

Brothers Kaz and Wally played for Kellor City before Kaz switched to Sunshine,

strong and skilful running with the ball, scoring two goals in the process.

Frankston's midfield was non-existent in a display which left coach Brian Edgley fuming.

However, full credit must go to Ajax as it ran all night and played with enthusiasm.

Perkin in particular had a tremendously high work rate and chased every ball.

Frankton took the lead in the 20th minute when Gus Eadie scored with a scissor-kick — Keith Webster took a corner and Eric Gillespie flicked it on with his head for Eadie to do his acrobatics.

Green Gully equalised six minutes later through Perkin. He ran onto a through ball and shrugged off tackles from three Frankston

defenders before putting it past keeper Frank Petersen.

Ajax captain John Patten played an excellent game in defence and Nick Cook showed some good touches in midfield.

Perkin shot Ajax into the lead in the 80th minute when he picked up a through ball from Andy Segi.

He missed his hat-trick by inches when he shot fractionally wide after breaking away from the Frankston defence yet again.

Frankston's Gordon McGregor never got proper service from the midfield and as a result, had a quiet game. At one stage full-back Vince Bannon moved into midfield to try to spark some improvement, but it made no difference.

## Nubrick series

A competition sponsored by "Nubrick Industries" for \$1000 prize money and a challenge shield will be played over three weekends in March, the dates being Sunday 5th, Sunday 12th and Sunday 19th with two games every Sunday.

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## A black and white photograph capturing a dynamic moment in a soccer match. In the foreground, a player in a dark jersey is captured mid-kick, his body angled towards the right. A soccer ball is suspended in the air just above his foot. To his right, another player in a light-colored jersey is also in motion, looking towards the ball. In the background, a third player in a dark jersey is visible, observing the play. The scene is set on a grassy field with a blurred background of trees and a fence, suggesting an outdoor setting. The image has a grainy, high-contrast quality typical of older newspaper prints.

# Petrovski stars in his new role

## Symington sent off

## Croydon wins 3-0

## Standings



# 5500 watch Croatia and Melita Eagles

Melita Goalkeeper Uwe Bracklow dives at the feet of Revesby's advancing Scully. Watson (No. 8), Mikas (No. 5), Ververis, Drossos (No. 8), Yamine (No. 4) and Howard (No. 6) are ready to move in. Picture by courtesy of "Nase Novine."



# ALEXANDER WINS BIG GREEK CLASH

FITZROY ALEXANDER 2 (o.g. Lutton, Taylor pen.) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Ollerton), Olympic Park, Crowd 3500.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 8, McMillan 9, O'Reilly 8, Provan 7, Tansey 7 (Rakovallis 69th min.), Bannion 7, Taylor 8, Boziskas 8 (Cole 7 half-time), Campbell 7, Buljevic 7, Micevski 6 (Selemidis 8 half-time).  
HELLAS: Relly 8, Pye 7, Vaughan 7, Kalafatis 7, Hagegmanouli 6, Wright 7, Daperis 6, Lutton 7 (sent off 43rd min.), Kakandonis 6 (Rogers 5, half-time), Ollerton 8, Cummings 5 (Kent 76th min.).

The big crowd at this game between Melbourne giants Alexander and Hellas certainly got its money's worth.

Both teams played attacking soccer and to add some flavor to the match, there was an own goal, two penalties — one of which was missed, and a sending off.

For Alexander, the game was vital. If it won, its fans would almost certainly forget the humiliating defeats of the past two weeks.

Hellas, too, had something to prove. The victory over Adelaide Juventus the previous weekend didn't count for anything as the South Australians fielded an experimental side.

Bertie Lutton had a big bearing on the game but not in the way he would have wanted.

In the seventh minute, Peter Vaughan fouled Andy Boziskas on the edge of the penalty area.

From the resultant free-kick, Branko Buljevic drove a hard, low shot into the goalmouth which Lutton, in trying to put it away for a corner, kicked into his own net.

This knocked the stuffing out of Hellas but lifted Alexander's confidence no end.

Soon after, Buljevic took the ball to the by-line and put over a delicate cross. The Hellas defence was frantic as the ball bobbed around the six-yard box before John Daperis booted it out of play and into safety.

The Fitzroy defence wasn't letting the Hellas forwards or midfielders settle on the ball and full-back Arthur McMillan had Duncan Cummings in his pocket.

Peter Ollerton took plenty of punishment from Jim O'Reilly and Bobby Provan but didn't let it put him off his game. Not so Lutton.

Bertie couldn't find the space in midfield as Fitzroy crowded him whenever he threatened.

English import, Sammy Wright had South Melbourne's first real scoring chance. O'Reilly failed to clear the ball and it dropped to Wright on the edge of the area. Unfortunately, he ballooned his shot over the bar.

However, Wright showed

his class with some excellent ball distribution.

Wright's passing was accurate and easy for the other Hellas players. Too many passes by other men were sent at all angles, giving the receiver no chance of controlling the ball.

Ollerton was the lynch-pin of the Hellas attack and always offered himself to his team's midfielders.

Ken Taylor and Jim Campbell came close a few times for Alexander, but in the end it was McMillan, making one of his rare runs downfield, who set up Alexander's second goal.

He intercepted a bad Hellas pass and took off down the middle with the speed of a winger.

He was in the 18-yard box before anyone got near him and even then it was a foul by Johnny Daperis that stopped him. Ken Taylor stroked home the penalty kick with 33 minutes of the first half gone.

Once again, Alexander burst into action and Boziskas should have made it 3-0 when he had Relly to beat from two metres.

Admittedly, he was on an acute angle, but he should have gone for the far post or laid the ball square instead of trying to squeeze a shot between the keeper and the near post.

Campbell hit a volley over the bar from eight metres and at the other end Lutton nearly caught Peter Blasby by surprise with a shot from the by-line.

Any chance of a Hellas comeback was shot to pieces when Lutton was sent off two minutes from half-time.

Lutton lost his temper and kicked O'Reilly after O'Reilly had niggled and pressured him. Lutton will have to learn to take light marking from defenders, but in fairness to him, it was obvious that Tony Boggi had instructed his defenders to pressure Lutton, hoping he would blow his cool.

Alexander replaced Boziskas with Gary Cole, who has been out injured, and the disappointing Mike Micevski with Theo Selemidis.

The two substitutes combined well in the 55th minute.

McMillan put over a long cross for Cole to head on to Selemidis, whose diving header had Relly at full stretch.



Alexander defender Bob Provan, backed up by Arthur McMillan (left), prepares to go past Bertie Lutton of Hellas. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

## Croatia star to U.S.



**Collins out**

English club Hull City, which has won only one of its last 14 matches, has dismissed manager Bobby Collins, who coached Wertheim and Hakoah-East in Australia a few years ago.

CROATIA, Sydney, has given mid-fielder star John Davies a clearance to try his luck in American Soccer.

Davies will have trials with Tampa Bay Rowdies, Adrian Alston's team.

Croatia secretary Lionel Brown said today: "My committee agreed to let Davies go to Florida for a month's trial.

"If he makes the grade with Tampa Bay, we shall then discuss transfer terms."



## Rudi at Coburg

Former Ringwood Wertheim goalkeeper Rudi van Altona (pictured) has been appointed coach of Victorian Third Division club Coburg.

He previously coached Wertheim, Springvale and Richmond.

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# Micevski, Buljevic both out!

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Senkalski) FITZROY ALEXANDER 4 (Taylor 2, Boziskas, Selemidis).

OLYMPIC: Meier 7, G. Allen 8, McIntosh 8, Bell 4 (H. Xipollas 6, 20th min.), Palmer 8, Jamieson 7, Cross 6, Alsalle 7, Thammidra (D. Allen 6, half-time), Ollon 7, Senkalski 6.  
ALEXANDER: Blasby 7, McMillan 6, Provan 6, O'Reilly 6, Tansey 6 (Rakovallis half-time, 6), P. Bannion 8, Boziskas 8, Taylor 8 (Selemidis 6, half-time), Campbell 7, Cole 8, Trant 8.

Alexander achieved this big victory without the help of Branko Buljevic and Mike Micevski who both stayed in Melbourne because they were injured.

It was a continuation of the good form Alexander had shown in beating South Melbourne Hellas 2-1 on the Wednesday.

Olympic coach Tom Anderson was disgusted with some of his players.

In fact, he replaced his international centre back Richie Bell after only 20 minutes.

Anderson said: "It was like Christmas out there. We were giving away gifts galore."

Olympic scored first when Joe Senkalski finished off a good pass from Paul Coton.

However, two goals by Ken Taylor turned the tide. One was from a cut-back by Andrew Boziskas, the other from about 20 metres.

Boziskas got a goal after running through the defence and Theo Selemidis added another after lead-up work by Boziskas.



Hellas goalkeeper Jack Relly dives at the ball just before Branko Buljevic reaches it. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

## THINK AGAIN PETE !

What is this I hear about Peter Ollerton damning the Press?

He has the audacity to say that the fifth estate doesn't know what it's talking about.

Poppy-cock! Is he unaware of the calibre of the staff at this journal?

Rale Rasic, player, coach and snappy dresser of the first magnitude — a man who has taken the now defunct national team to the World Cup.

Bruce Waddell, the son of the man who runs the Queensland Soccer Federation. Now can one claim he does not know what he is writing about? You don't become the son of someone like that without a solid soccer background.

Joe Lanzoni, a man who has played and coached everyone in Newcastle.

Last year we had Tom Anderson, a great player, then a writer and now the coach of Olympic.

And we still have Johnny Warren, a legend in his own lifetime, and also a magnificent typist.

Billy Voltek, another contributor, was reduced to a cripple for his love of the game.

The editor, Laurie Schwab, was transferred from the St. Albans under-16 football team to Sandringham soccer club and was consequently responsible for putting that team in the outstanding position it enjoys to this day. Even

his kids resemble that curious mixture of typewriter and soccerball.

Not to mention his wife, who has been mistaken for "Supermac" on many an occasion.

All these and many more have contributed to the reporting of soccer over the years.

My own contribution to the game stands as a sentinel to the advancement of soccer coaching in this country.

Who else has managed to field 14 players simultaneously and guaranteed not a sober one among them when we, the soccer press team, annihilated the referees last year.

Let us not forget that great writer Meno Toutsidis. With a name like that, you have to know something about soccer or greengrocery.

Jack Relly, the Australian Meier, who has stood in more goals than I've had warm dinners, is another of our occasional writers.

And if geriatrics or varicose veins don't set in, he'll be standing there at Armageddon.

With Tom Anderson taking over at Olympic, he is setting the pace for things to come.

All the writers are eventually going to take over teams, allowing them to write their stories one year in advance, with the added advantage of not having to turn up at the grounds at all.

So, Peter, I'm afraid you have been outmanoeuvred in your damning of the Press.

## KNUT WERNER



BULJEVIC: WE HAD AMATEUR APPROACH TO WORLD CUP



Branko Buljevic in a game against St. George, with two former Socceroo team mates behind him — George Harris (left) and Harry Williams.

# Buljo-Cole: killer combo!

By KYLE PATTERSON

The difference between Marconi and Alexander is Jimmy Rooney, says Gary Cole.

Cole's goalscoring partner Branko Buljevic agrees.

"Alexander lacks a midfield general, someone in the mould of Johan Cruyff or Bobby Charlton," says Buljevic.

However, midfield or no midfield, in Cole and Buljevic Alexander has probably the best attacking duo in the Phillips League.

They are a team within a team — a perfect blend of youth and muscle with experience and skill. Between them they scored 20 goals last year.

Young Cole is full of praise for Buljevic. "Branko helped my game tremendously last season. He is so skilful that he walks around defenders," Cole says.



Branko Buljevic



Gary Cole



Gary Cole (left) is foiled by Sydney Olympic defender Greg Allen. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

Branko, who's known as 'Buljo', acknowledges his partner's role.

"Gary often has two defenders marking him. This means less pressure on me, as well more room for the midfielders."

At 21 years of age, Cole has a great future.

"Gary always had the ability," says Branko, "but lacked the confidence. Now that he has the confidence, he is improving all the time. Gary is always willing to listen to advice."

Last year, Alexander started slowly but rocketed up the ladder in the second half of the season.

"The 1-8 loss to Marconi was the turning point," explains Branko. "We talked about it for a few days and worked out where we went wrong. After that, we played with more discipline and teamwork."

Many defences suffered at the hands of the Cole-Buljevic combination last season.

"The Marconi defence was the hardest to play against," says Gary. "When we played them in Sydney it was a grudge match. We desperately wanted to make amends for that 1-8 defeat."

Tony Henderson of Canberra City was Branko's choice as the best defender.

Many people were dumbfounded by Jimmy Shoulder's decision not to recall Buljevic to the national team when the Socceroos were desperately in need of a forward with skill and flair.

"I was disappointed at being left out of the Australian team," says Branko, "but looking back I'm glad I didn't get selected."

"The approach to the World Cup," he continues, "was so amateur. The Australian Soccer Federation is so far behind the rest of the world. There are no decent facilities and it made it hard for the players."

Gary is hoping to follow Branko's footsteps and play for the national team.

"I played in the Australian under-23 team with John Kosmina, Todd Clarke, Johnny Nyskohus, Gary Byrne and

Gary Marocchi, all of whom have gone on to the national team. If I don't make it this year, I never will," says Cole.

Branko disagrees.

"Too many young players are rushed into the national team and expected to be stars," he says, "and that often does more harm than good. Australia needs better facilities and top coaches if soccer is to progress."

Gary and Branko agree that professionalism will be the next big step for Australian soccer.

"As the game grows and clubs become richer, the day of the professional draws closer," says Gary.

Branko wants promotion of the game to improve.

"You've got to get youngsters interested," he says.

Here's some bad news for P.S.L. defences: Branko intends playing for at least another three years!

"I always keep fit and I still love playing soccer," he says.

If the Cole-Buljevic machine continues to function, Alexander will take a lot of stopping.



Johann Cruyff is chased by Brazil's Jairzinho in a World Cup game. Fitzroy — Alexander needs a commanding midfielder like Cruyff.

## Jankovic v. McMillan the highlight

Marconi will test its recruits Mark Jankovic and Roberto Vieri in a Philips League practice match against Fitzroy Alexander at Olympic Park at 8 p.m. tonight (Wednesday).

The club bought Jankovic, a former Socceroo, from St. George, and imported Vieri from Italy. The former Bologna star played guest games for Marconi last year.

Also on show will be stars Jimmy Rooney, Ray Richards, Ivo Prskalo, Paul Degney, Peter Sharpe and Allan Maher.

Alexander will of course feature Marconi recruit Mike Micevski and the deadly Branko Buljevic — Gary Cole combination.

What's more, fans will get another look at Arthur McMillan, probably the best full back in Australia at the moment. He will probably face Jankovic.



Arthur McMillan (Fitzroy) — probably Australia's best full back at the moment.

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In Italy in 1934, Austria's "Wunderteam" finished in fourth place. Here goalkeeper Platzer saves a shot in Austria's 0-1 loss to Italy.



A scene from the 1954 World Cup in Switzerland where Austria finished in third place. In this picture goalkeeper Schmid saves at the feet of Uruguay's Carballo.



Prohaska scores to give Austria a 1-0 victory over Turkey in their qualifying match at the Izmir Stadium.

Groupings for the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina this year:

**GROUP ONE**  
Argentina  
Italy  
Hungary  
France

**GROUP TWO**  
West Germany  
Poland  
Mexico  
Tunisia

**GROUP THREE**  
Brazil  
Sweden  
Austria  
Spain

**GROUP FOUR**  
Holland  
Scotland  
Iran  
Peru

# No Wunderteam but Austria is afraid of no-one

Austria's unbeaten run in its qualifying series brought back memories of the "Wunderteam" of the thirties and captured the national imagination to such an extent that huge crowds flocked to Austria's games whereas club games have long been poorly attended.

There were 70,000 at the game against Turkey and 72,000 packed the Prater stadium for the match against East Germany, yet a weekend round of national league matches about that time drew a total of only 19,000 people.

The decline of club soccer in Austria over the years has been due mainly to the semi-professional set up there. Talented players look instead to Germany and other countries where the financial rewards are much higher.

Five members of Austria's national team play their club soccer in other countries.

The entire midfield plays in West Germany — Kurt Jara for MSV Duisburg, Pepl Hickersberger for Fortuna Dusseldorf and Roland Hattenberger for VfB Stuttgart.

Striker Willy Kreuz is tied to Feyenoord Rotterdam in Holland and stopper Edl Krieger is serving in Belgium with FC Bruges.

Hickersberger believes the lure of soccer in other countries will bring out the best in the Austrian-based players during the World Cup. "They will be out to impress the people who matter in an effort to get offers from the countries where the money is," he said.

Austria's first game in the finals is against Spain in Buenos Aires on June 3.

"It's great that Spain is our first opponent," says Kurt Jara. He knows Spain well, as he spent his first years as a professional with FC Valencia until he was loaned out to Duisburg in 1975 and later offered a



Roland Hattenberger — had a groin operation last December but is confident of being fit in time for the Cup finals.

contract by the German club.

The technical, artistic soccer of the Spaniards certainly suits the ball-playing Austrians better than the more physical, fighting style of West Germany and Sweden.

Similarly, Austria does not fear Brazil, although it

will find Brazil's crowd support difficult to ignore.

As for Sweden, the other member of Group Three, Austria has a score to settle with the Scandinavians.

In the qualifying round for the 1974 finals, Austria beat Sweden 2-0 in Vienna and lost 2-3 in Gothenburg, resulting in a play-off which Austria lost 1-2 in neutral West Germany.

Says Hickersberger: "Sweden is no longer as good as it was four years ago, and we Austrians remember 1973 so clearly that we will play the best football of our lives."

The latest information available to "Soccer Action" is that Austria will play the following practice games: February 15: v. Greece; March 22: v. Belgium; April 5: v. Switzerland and in May a game against Holland.

National coach Helmuth Senekowitsch, a former Austrian international, has had the worry of Roland Hattenberger's recent groin operation, but Hattenberger is already running again and hopes to start kicking a ball this month.

Senekowitsch is also hoping that forward Josef Stering will recover in time for the Cup. Stering, of Innsbruck, pulled several knee ligaments and has been out for some time.

However, Austria will definitely have the service of its top striker, Hans Krankl (Rapid), who scored six goals in the 9-0 win over Malta and who hit half of the total Austria scored in its qualifying group.

One of Krankl's fellow strikers may be Walter Schachner of Austrian Second Division club Donawitz. Schachner scored the goal that beat Turkey 1-0 in Vienna.

Apart from the regulars, some of the players in line for selection include libero Peter Peroldis of Rapid, all-rounder Guenther Haplich (Wiener SK), the superbly skilled Kurt Welzl (SSW Innsbruck), and goalkeepers Hubert Baumgartner (FC



Kurt Jara — he knows the Spanish style well, as he used to play for Valencia. "I might be able to give our coach Selenkowitsch a few tips, because I know the strengths and weaknesses of all the Spanish national team players," Jara says.





Action from the qualifying match between Austria and Hungary in Vienna in 1965: Austrian goalkeeper Szanwald catches the ball above Hungarian forward Florian Albert.



This was Austria's team for the game against East Germany on September 24, 1977 in Vienna, from left: Sara, F. Koncilia, Pezzey, Krieger, Kreuz, Krankl, Breitenberger, Hattenberger, Hickesberger, Stering.



Breitenberger (left) clashes with a Turkish defender in Austria's 1-0 victory in Turkey.

ustria) and Herbert Feuer (Austria).

From the early 1930s to the early fifties, Austria was nearly one of the greatest national teams in the world. Austria's famous "Wunderteam" of the early thirties thrashed Scotland 10-0, Germany 6-0 and just lost 3-4 in England.

Austria did not contest its first World Cup in Uruguay in 1930 but in Italy in 1934, its Wunderteam, featuring Urbanek, Zischek, Horvath and Smistik, finished in fourth place, beaten 3-2 by Ger-

many in the third-place play-off.

In Switzerland in 1954, Austria was again prominent, reaching the semi-finals only to be beaten once again by Germany, this time by the shattering score of 6-1.

Stars of this team were that great attacking centre half Ernst Ocwirk of FK Austria, the great utility player Gerhard Hanappi who played for a FIFA eleven against England at Wembley in 1953, and inside left Ernst Stjepan of FK.

The end of Austria's greatness came in Sweden in 1958. With only Hanappi, Hoppel and Koerner surviving from Switzerland, Austria finished last in its group, behind Brazil, USSR and England.

After that, Austria failed to qualify again until last year, and now stands on the threshold of either recapturing its past glory or reliving the failure of 1958.

If Austria does well in the World Cup, the game will perhaps be revived sufficiently to keep more good players at home.



the last sixteen

Argentina '78

## Came 3rd in 1954 finals

Austria's previous World Cup campaigns:

1930: Didn't compete.

1934: Qualification match: v. Bulgaria 6-1; last eight: v. France 2-1 after extra time; quarter finals: v. Hungary 2-1; semi final: v. Italy 0-1; play-off for third place: v. Germany 2-3.

Basic team: Platzner, Cisar, Sesta, Wagner, Smistik, Urbanek, Zischek, Braun, Bican, Horvath, Viertl. Also used: Sindelar, Schall.

1938: qualification match: v. Latvia 2-1, then withdrew.

1950: Did not compete.

1954: qualification matches: v. Portugal 9-1 and 0-0; Group Three games in finals: v. Scotland 1-0, v. Czechoslovakia 5-0; quarter finals: v. Switzerland 7-5; semi-finals: v. Germany 1-6; play-off for third place: v. Uruguay 3-1.

Basic team: Schmied, Hanappi, Barschandt, Ocwirk, Kollmann, Koller, R. Koerner, Wagner, Dienst, Stojaspal, Probst. Also used: Schlegel, Hoppel, A. Koerner.

1958: qualification: v. Luxembourg 7-0, 3-0; v. Holland 3-2, 1-1; Group Four in finals: v. Brazil 0-3, v. USSR 0-2, v. England 2-2.

Basic team: Szanwald, Kollmann, Hoppel, Swoboda, Hanappi, Koller, E. Kozlicek, O. Kozlicek, Buzek, Koerner, Senekowitsch. Also used: Schmied, Stotz, Horak, Halla, Schlegel.

1962: Did not compete.

1966: qualification: v. East Germany 1-1, 0-1; v. Hungary 0-1, 0-3.

1970: qualification: v. Cyprus 7-1; v. Germany 0-2, 0-1; v. Scotland: 1-2, 2-0.

1974: qualification: v. Malta 4-0, 2-0; v. Sweden 2-0, 2-3, 1-2 (play off to decide group winner), v. Hungary 2-2, 2-2.



Defender Sara of Austria.

# How they got there

Here's how Austria qualified:

December 5, 1976

In Gzira: AUSTRIA 0 AUSTRIA 1 (Krankl).

Malta: Mizzi, Borg, Vassallo, Holland, Farrugia, Darmanin, Magro, Micallef, G. Xuereb, R. Xuereb, Seychell.

Austria: Koncilia, Sara, Persidis, Pezzey, Strasser, Hickesberger, Oberhofer, Hattenberger, Stering (Prohaska), Krankl, Schachner (Pirkner).

Attendance: 10,000.

April 17, 1977 in Vienna:

AUSTRIA 1 (Schachner) TURKEY 0.

Austria: Koncilia, Sara, Persidis, Pezzey, Breitenberger, Hattenberger, Prohaska, Hickesberger, Stering, Krankl, Schachner.

Turkey: Senol, Turgay, Erol, Necati, Alpaslan, Fatih, Nico (Cem), Mehmet (Huseyin), Engin, Ali Kemal, Cemil.

Attendance: 70,000.

April 30, 1977 in Salzburg:

AUSTRIA 9 (Krankl 6, Stering 2, Pirkner) MALTA 0.

Austria: Koncilia, Sara, Pezzey, Strasser, Hattenberger, Prohaska, Hickesberger, Stering (Peter Koncilia), Krankl, Schachner (Pirkner).

Malta: Gatt, Ciantar, Schembri, Darmanin, Holland, Farrugia, Micallef, Farrie, R. Xuereb, Magro, Seychell (G. Xuereb).

Attendance: 18,000.

September 24, 1977 in Vienna:

AUSTRIA 1 (Kreuz) EAST GERMANY 1 (Hoffmann).

Austria: Koncilia, Sara, Krieger, Pezzey, Breitenberger, Hattenberger, Hickesberger, Jara (Prohaska), Stering, Kreuz, Krankl.

East Germany: Croy, Kische, Dorner, Weise, Weber, Hafner, Schade, Heidler (Riediger), Lindemann, Kotte (Sparwasser), Hoffmann.

Attendance: 72,000.

October 12, 1977 in Leipzig:

EAST GERMANY 1 (Loewe) AUSTRIA 1 (Hattenberger).

Austria: Koncilia, Krieger, Sara, Pezzey, Breitenberger, Hattenberger, Prohaska (Obermayer), Hickesberger, Jara, Stering, Kreuz.

Attendance: 100,000.

October 30, 1977 in Izmir:

TURKEY 0 AUSTRIA 1 (Prohaska).

Austria: Koncilia, Sara, Krieger, Pezzey, Breitenberger, Hattenberger, Stering, Prohaska, Jara, Kreuz, Krankl.

Attendance: 70,000.

Other group results: Turkey 4 Malta 0, East Germany 1 Turkey 1, Malta 0 East Germany 1, East Germany 9 Malta 0, Malta 0 Turkey 3, Turkey 1 East Germany 2.

Final standings:

	W	D	L	F	P
Austria	4	2	0	14	2
East Germany	3	3	0	15	4
Turkey	2	2	3	9	5
Malta	0	0	6	0	27

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## Next week: ITALY



# Where can we get better players than these...?



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Lou Kastner (George Cross)



Chris Kalafatis (St. Melb. Hellas)



Ian McGregor (W. Adel. Hellas)



Mendo Ristovski (Footscray J.U.S.T.)

## Slash imports—let's produce our own stars

It's been said often enough before, but I'll say it again: we must drastically reduce the number of players imported from overseas.

To the coaches who say it's too expensive to buy players locally, I say: Don't buy them, produce them in your own club!

Long-term planning is needed, so coaches must be appointed on a long-term basis. Coaches who buy heavily from overseas can't really be blamed for doing so, because most of them are afraid for their own skins. They know that if they don't produce regular victories, they will be sacked.

The situation has reached ridiculous proportions. We all read about the coach who was sacked because his committee didn't like his team selections for a practice match!

Yet coaches must be given time if we are to produce home-grown players of adequate standard.

Everyone keeps talking in terms of imports, yet just think how difficult it would be to get overseas players who are better than our own stars — Murray Barnes, Gary Byrne, Peter Sharpe, Steve Hogg, Danny Moulis, John O'Shea, Kevin Mullen, Gary Meier, Richie Bell, Joe Piccione, Mendo Ristovski, Ian McGregor, Lou Kastner, Chris Kalafatis, Duncan Cummings ... need I go on?

Let's ask ourselves seriously: How long can the import policy last? What future is there for the clubs? Do they want to win the championship and then be relegated the following year?

Imports come as temporary residents for one or two years. Generally they come here to make as much money as possible and get out as quickly as they can.

I am not talking about "guest players" for want of a better term. Guests like Malcolm MacDonald are valuable because they display a high standard of soccer and they give youngsters something on which to model their game. Rather, I am talking of run-of-the-mill imports — the kind we get every year, year in, year out.

Even the Americans are reducing their import quota (see story below) and we all know that in terms of innovation, America is leading the world.

As I said earlier, the only way to develop our own players in a lasting way, is to give our coaches a chance.

However, we have the situation where 1977 bosses Jim Adam, Manfred Schaefer, Mike Johnson, Iain Kesson, Manny Poulakakis, Bruce Stowell, Billy Birch and Kaz Kulak will not be head of Phillips League clubs in 1978.

I must say that people who accept top jobs without being fully qualified are partly to blame, but the bulk of the blame falls on the clubs themselves.

After all, the clubs should know who and what they are hiring in advance. Having made a decision with their eyes open, the club leaders must be prepared to stick by that decision and give their men a chance.

To the new coaches — Tony Boggi (Alexander), Luciano Netti (Brisbane City), Brian Daykin (Brisbane Lions), Alan Vest (Newcastle), Ilja Takac (St. George), Tommy Anderson (Olympic), and Dave MacLaren (South Melbourne Hellas), I say: Good luck! I wish you a long, happy association with your new clubs and I hope those clubs don't show you the same fickleness they have shown other coaches.

Jim Fraser is a goalkeeper who just missed out on the ultimate glory of representing his country in a World Cup finals series.

After some extraordinary displays in qualifying games against South Korea (0-0, 2-2, and 1-0) and Iran (3-0 and 0-2), Fraser was prevented by business commit-

Cutajar said.

"Soccer Action" reported two weeks ago that many George Cross players were eager to hear offers from other clubs.

Cutajar said one of the players mentioned, Paul Murphy, had told him he was definitely not interested in moving and that most of the others had signed new contracts.



Manfred Schaefer



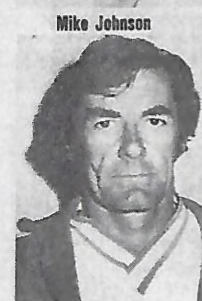
Manny Poulakakis



Mike Johnson



Jim Adam



Bruce Stowell



Billy Birch

### Moore's World Cup forecast

LONDON — Bobby Moore, former England captain, has predicted that Argentina, Brazil, West Germany and Holland will be the teams to watch in this year's World Cup.

Moore led England to its World Cup triumph in 1966. He said at a luncheon of the British Sports Writers' Association that Argentina would be a powerful contender on its home ground this summer.

"Brazil is always a team to consider seriously wherever the World Cup is played. When it is played in South America, Brazil becomes an ever greater threat," Moore said.

He added that West Germany, the defending champion, must have a good chance of winning the trophy again.

"There is a lot of talent in Germany," the former star said. "The Germans seem to have a way of bringing new players into the team at the right time and keeping up the standard."

Moore said that if Johann Cruyff were playing for Holland again, he would tip the Dutch to win the World Cup. Cruyff captained the Dutch team that reached the final in 1974, but he has said he will not go to Argentina for family reasons.

Moore was not so sure about Italy, the team that edged England for a place in the World Cup finals.

"England beat Italy at Wembley, but we don't know whether Italy played to its full capacity, or whether its performance was influenced by the knowledge that it had already done the work that was necessary to qualify for Argentina."

Moore said Scotland had a lot of talent and could be the surprise team of the tournament if it can succeed in putting everything together at the right time.

### GEORGE CROSS DENIES REPORT OF UNREST

George Cross publicity officer Charlie Cutajar has strongly denied that half the team is seeking transfers.

He also denied that George Cross put a \$6000 price on Alex McConville when the full back tried to get a transfer to First Division club Dovenon. "The committee did not meet on the McConville matter. There was no official price. If he really wants to go, it would certainly be less than \$6000,"

ments from playing in the 1974 finals in West Germany.

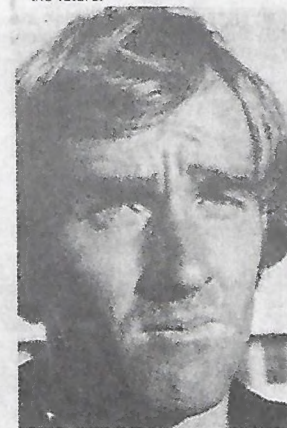
Now Jim is at the helm of Marconi, together with Dave Keddie and me. As specialist coach for goalkeepers, Jim has handled 14 talented young keepers since January 3. They have come from all areas of Sydney to learn from the master.

In fact it was probably due to Fraser's presence that Marconi last week signed two promising young goalkeepers, Mark Christopher and Peter Delamont.

In the meantime, we loaned young Gary Marsden out to Melita Eagles in the hope of getting him back as a mature, developed player.

Keddie is specialising with the strikers in our junior ranks, while I work mainly with the midfielders and defenders.

It's a set-up which we hope will produce many players of the future.



Former internationals Jim Fraser (left) and Dave Keddie (right) — they've joined the coaching staff at Marconi, aiming to help produce stars of the future.



### U.S. to have greater local content

The owners of the North American Soccer League, at their annual meeting in New York, have voted to speed up Americanisation of the NASL by limiting the number of foreign players a team is permitted to field at one time, in a diminishing scale down to six by 1984.

During 1977, the teams were permitted to have 10 non-North Americans on the field at one time.

Under the new regulation, only nine will be permitted in 1978, and the scale reduces that to eight in 1980, seven in 1982 and six in 1984.

Also affected is the 30-man maximum team roster. From its present limit of 15 non-citizens, the new regulation reduces the total to 14 in 1978, 13 in 1980, 12 in 1982 and 11 in 1984.

The owners reaffirmed a schedule of 30 games per team for next season, including 15 at home and 15 away, and set the date for Soccer Bowl-78 either on Saturday, August 26, or Sunday, August 27, at the Giants Stadium, home of the Cosmos.

The 1978 season itself will begin on April 1 and end August 5. The owners also voted to keep the same tie-breaker procedure, consisting of two sudden-death overtime periods of 7½ minutes each followed by an NASL shootout if necessary.

### HE'S BEST OF THE BANNONS

The name Bannon is well known in Australian soccer. Pat plays with Fitzroy Alexander, Vince and Jed has joined Frankston City.

But the best of the Bannon brothers is still in Scotland. His name is Emon, he's 19 years old and plays for Hearts.

of three goals scored in the bonus-point column.

The owners also voted to keep the same tie-breaker procedure, consisting of two sudden-death overtime periods of 7½ minutes each followed by an NASL shootout if necessary.

Goalkeeper John Kennedy who has just returned from Scotland, watched Emon score a hat-trick from midfield in Hearts' recent victory over Kilmarnock.

"He's some player," says Kennedy. "Strong, fast, and he's got a powerful shot in both feet."



## Canberra ground is envy of all

Canberra City has started pre-season training at the magnificent new Bruce Stadium — the latest of many moves made in the past 12 months for the PSL "babies" to compete on equal terms with their more illustrious interstate counterparts.

Visitors to Canberra this season will be as impressed as Canberra City players with the new \$6 million complex set in the ACT suburb of Bruce.

Spectator, press and playing facilities far exceed anything I have experienced in Australia (I have not yet seen Newcastle's complex) and are sure to add much needed first class facilities to our PSL set-up.



**Tony Henderson** — his brother Ken has joined him at Canberra.



**Reunion**  
The player above is former Socceroo Bogdan "Bugsey" Nyskohus, whom Adelaide Juventus has finally signed from the Lion Club. Bugsey joins his brother John who switched from Lion to Juventus in early 1977.



## WARREN

**Former national captain John Warren**

For Canberra City, moving into Bruce Stadium was one of the many improvements the club has made since it kicked off 15 months ago.

Already it has established social club headquarters in the centre of town, which are currently catering for the huge day-time trade. With poker machines, expected within the next month, City can at least expect a business-like club generating much needed finance by the end of the year.

While interstate visitors to Canberra will be relieved to play at Bruce, it is nothing to the joy of Canberra City, which suffered more than other teams by playing at Manuka Oval.

Canberra City also will be able to benefit from training at Bruce. And for those teams which had to play once on Manuka spare a thought for City, which had to play 13 times and train on Manuka throughout the whole season — with no lights!

On the playing side, City has signed most of its players from last year on two-year contracts.

The exceptions of course are **Adrian Alston**, now back with the Tampa Bay Rowdies, club captain **Mike Black** (to Canberra Olympic) **David O'Connor** (player/coach of Goulburn Workers — ACT Second Division), **Nick Boskov** (Canberra Croatia), **Victor Fernandez** and **Alan Bourke**.



**Nick Boskov** — rejoined Canberra Croatia.

(still a West Adelaide player).

On the credit side City has signed **Ken Henderson**, 22-year-old brother of City captain **Tony** and **Brian Parker**, formerly at team-mate of both **Henderson** and **Ron Tilse** in South Africa.

The club has also signed two young apprentices from the UK — **Ian Haywood** and **Terry Burn** from **Adrian Alston's** Preston North End club. Assistant coach **Victor Fernandez** has assembled 30 of the best youngsters in the ACT who will form the second, third and fourth teams of City which will play in the ACT First Division.

These youngsters, in the 14-16-year bracket will form the nucleus of the ACT's under 16 and under 18 teams for the 1978 national youth championships.

## VIPs say farewell

**Jimmy Shoulder**, Australian team coach, and **Eric Worthington**, National Director of Coaching, were surprise guests at Ron Smith's farewell dinner.

Smith, the Victorian Director of Coaching for the past two years, is returning home to England.

The dinner, at Crofter's restaurant, Morningside, was to thank Smith for the hard work he has done as director of coaching.

He was presented with a set of golf clubs by friends, including **John Gardiner** (Essendon Croatia coach), **Fred Bunce** (Ringwood coach), **Ken Kontra** (Melbourne coach), **Colin Hasler** (Box Hill coach), **Tim White** (Springvale coach) and **Jim Train** (Slavia player).

The night was organised by **Ken Lyon**, secretary of the Victorian Soccer Coaches' Association.

Smith was unaware that **Shoulder** and **Worthington** were coming.

He is hopeful of securing a coaching job in England.



## Kennedy to Frankston?

**Essendon Croatia goalkeeper John Kennedy (pictured) who is interested in joining Frankston City?**

The transfer fee stipulated in his contract was no more than \$2000. Kennedy, 33, joined Essendon last year from South Melbourne Hellas, on a one-year contract, with a one-year option. He previously played for **APIA**, **Fitzroy Alexander**, **Ringwood**, **Wilhelmina** and in Scotland for junior league clubs **Arnisston Rangers** and **Armada Thistle**. A report last week said

**Duncan McKay** was sacked as coach of Essendon was that he used Kennedy in a practice match ahead of **Dime Petrovski** and **Danny Lacok**. Kennedy denied this. He said he had just returned from his honeymoon in Scotland, and rang McKay before the game to say he did not feel fit enough to play. He said he had trained with the team earlier in the

# 'They stuck their noses into my business'

**Duncan McKay**, who played 13 games for Scotland and more than 200 for Celtic, is an angry and disappointed man.

He says he is "disgusted" with his sacking as coach of Victorian State League club **Essendon-Croatia**.

"I was sacked because I wouldn't bow to committee people who were sticking their noses into my business," he says.

"I may have been wrong, but I thought I had complete control over team selection."

McKay believes that the attitude of some in the club first swung against him over his preference for goalkeeper **John Kennedy**.

"When I first came to Essendon from Perth, certain people told me to drop Kennedy," McKay said.

"However, Kennedy in my opinion, was better and much more experienced than the other goalkeepers."

One of the official reasons given by club president **Joe Sigur** for McKay's sacking was that in a practice game, McKay had wanted to use Kennedy ahead of **Danny Lacok** and **Dime Petrovski**, although Kennedy had just returned from his honeymoon overseas.

Another reason given was that McKay had refused to try out **Martin Jaworski** and **Andy Czapnik**, two Polonia stars Essendon wanted to buy.

"I was going to use them 10 minutes into the second half, but they didn't want to be in it and left," McKay said.

He added the first he heard



**Duncan McKay** in his playing days.

of his sacking was when a player mentioned it to him at the ground on Monday last week. It was later confirmed by the committee.

"I'm really disgusted," McKay said. "The boys had given me everything in training and things were really looking good. With a sweeper and another midfielder we could have won the championship this year."

Ironically, the sweeper McKay had in mind was **John Gardiner**, now the new coach of Essendon.

"If people stick their noses in where they don't belong, a coach's job is made impossible," he said. "You can't run a club that way."

Essendon brought McKay last June from Perth where he coached **Azzurri**.

Under McKay, **Azzurri** won the 1975 and 1976 Western Australian championship, the 1976 Ampol Cup and the 1976 Top Four series.

The club also won the 1976 Asian championship against Jakarta drawing 3-3 in Indonesia and winning the home leg 2-1.

Djakarta had previously drawn 2-2 with both **Manchester United** and **Ajax Amsterdam**.

When he joined Essendon, McKay brought with him striker **George McMillan** from **Azzurri** and another Western Australian, **Alan Kerr** from Croatia. McMillan has since switched to **Preston-Makedonia**.

After his brilliantly successful career in Scotland, where he played right back for both Celtic and the national team, McKay was enticed by promi-



**Jimmy Mackay** — one of Duncan McKay's team mates at the defunct Croatia club.

nent club official **Frank Burin** to join the now defunct Croatia club in Melbourne.

He played for Croatia from 1965 to 1970, the first two years as player-coach, before **Joe Kiss** took over the coaching.

**Billy Voltek**, **Bobby McLachlan**, **Ian Currie** and **Horst Rau** were stars at Croatia when McKay joined. Later came **Jimmy Mackay**, **Hugh Gunn**, **Bill McIntyre**, **Brian Adlam**, **Hammy McMeachan**, **Alfred Glaser** and **Brian Williams**.

In Scotland, he played in the company of such greats as **Jimmy Johnstone**, **Roy Simpson**, **Bobby Lennox**, **Bobby Murdoch**, **Steve Chalmers**, **John Hughes** and **Pat Crerand**.

After five successful seasons with Croatia, during which he also represented Victoria, McKay spent from 1972 to 1974 back home in Scotland, helping coach Celtic's third team.

**Azzurri** brought him back to Australia in 1974.

McKay was not on contract with Essendon. "I don't believe in contracts," he said. "It's better for both parties to have the freedom to make a decision one way or the other."

Once he has overcome his initial disappointment, McKay will seek a new club. Obviously he has a lot to offer.

## FA Cup betting

**LONDON** — Latest Football Association Cup odds: — 7-2 Arsenal, 6-1 Ipswich, 7-1 Nottingham Forest, 8-1 Middlesbrough, 9-1 Manchester City, 12-1 Derby and Manchester United, 14-1 Chelsea and West Bromwich, 25/1 others.

## High price a barrier

**Fitzroy Alexander** goalkeeper **Bill Whiteside** may be kept out of soccer by the \$4500 transfer fee on his head.

Whiteside has been training at Frankston which, discouraged by the high price, signed **John Kennedy** instead.

Meanwhile, Frankston's **Bill Buchanan** is being chased by three clubs — **Dandenong**, **Frankston Pines** and **Chelsea**. Pines and Dandenong are also interested in Frankston's **David Gorrie**.

## Con, too...

**Con Dimopoulos** is looking for a move from Victorian Second Division club **St. Albans**.

The club is willing to let the goalkeeper go — for \$5,000. "It's a ridiculous price," said Con. "I've only played 10 first-team games and I'm not worth that much."

Dimopoulos, who broke a leg in a game against **Ardeer** last season, is considering taking his case to the Appeals Board of the Victorian Soccer Federation.



The great **Pat Crerand** — one of Duncan McKay's team mates at Celtic.



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# The world of soccer... the world of soccer



Gordon McQueen scores to give Scotland a 1-0 lead over England in the last home championships.

**Leeds** — Manchester United has agreed to pay a British record fee of 450,000 Sterling (765,000 Aust. dollars) to Leeds United for Gordon McQueen, the Scottish international centre-half.

McQueen was due to finalise terms and was not available for

## McQueen to Manchester

last Saturday's match at Chelsea.

One month ago, the Old Trafford club paid Leeds 350,000 Sterling (595,000 Aust. dollars) for Scotland striker, Joe Jordan, and the first chance for the pair to team up again will

be next Saturday when Manchester has a home league game — against Leeds.

Earlier last week, Tottenham Hotspurs agreed to pay the full figure, but McQueen, having already decided that he wanted to go to Manchester, turned the London club down.

# Germany's where the big money is

Borussia Moenchengladbach tops the money stakes in West Germany, with sponsorship of about \$320,000 a year, from Erdgas Heizung, a gas heating firm.

The other sponsorship deals in German soccer are:

Hamburger SV (Hitachi)	\$220,000
Eintracht Frankfurt (Brunswick)	\$180,000
Bayern Munich (Adidas)	\$155,000
Werder Bremen (Norda fish products)	\$155,000
Fortuna Dusseldorf (ARAG insurance)	\$155,000
St. Pauli (Minolta cameras)	\$115,000
VfL Bochum (Osborne brandy)	\$115,000
Kaiserslautern (Campari aperitif)	\$90,000
Saarbrücken (Jaegermeister liquor)	\$80,000
1860 Munich (Fruite lemonade)	\$65,000
VfB Stuttgart (Frottesana textiles)	\$40,000
Borussia Dortmund (Samson delicacies)	\$37,000

Only four German clubs do not wear ads on their shirts: Schalke 04, Eintracht Frankfurt, Cologne and Hertha Berlin.

Managers are well paid in Germany. Udo Lattek of Borussia Moenchengladbach and Hennes Weiswelder of Cologne each collect \$100,000 a year, others get \$50,000 and six earn only \$40,000.

By comparison, in England the highest paid man is reportedly Ron Saunders (Aston Villa) who gets \$45,000.

German players also rake in big money. The best of them get more than their managers.

Some clubs pay \$400 per point in bonuses, others pay as little as \$120 a point. Certain clubs prefer to pay according to spectator figures. Others participate in a percentage of gates, and in this regard, VfB Stuttgart is causing envy with its average gate of 58,500.

Admission charges vary in Germany. In Duisburg and Berlin charges vary from \$3 to \$10 but in Schalke's home town, Gelsenkirchen, admission is down to \$2. In Frankfurt, Berlin and Saarbrücken, the dearest seats are \$14.

While Hertha's Berlin Olympic stadium has a capacity of 96,000 it managed to sell only \$45,000 worth of season tickets, whereas Borussia Dortmund, whose ground holds 54,000, sold season tickets worth \$1.1 million in advance!

## Kiev 50 years old

From VAGHINAG MISKDJIAN

The return of the championship title last year to Moscow and this year of the Cup, won by Dynamo, gives a better idea of the standard of football in Moscow in comparison to that of the other large cities of the USSR.

In recent years, Kiev, Erevan and Tbilisi have seriously damaged the prestige of the capital of the USSR.

The situation now seems to have become more favorable to the Moscowites but this does not prevent Kiev from keeping to a high level, both in the Soviet Union and in Europe.

The Ukrainian club is upheld by a long history of fights and conquests and in this jubilee year cannot afford to weaken, even if the ups and downs are inevitable in USSR sport.

Dynamo Kiev is 50 years old. The big Ukrainian club was founded in late 1927 at a time when Soviet football was fairly isolated, having practical-



Dynamo Kiev, standing from left: Troshkin, Metvienko, Konkov, Veremejev, Rudakov, Blokhin, Kolotov; front: Burjak, Reshko, Muntjan, Onishenko.

ly no contact with the West.

Functioning in a big city — at present more than one and a half million inhabitants, the third city of the USSR according to population — Dynamo rapidly became the flag-bearer for the whole of the Ukraine and, following its example, football made progress in the region to such an extent that in the current USSR championship the Ukraine has five other teams in the top division as well as Kiev.

These are Chakhtior (Donetz), Dnieper (D-

nieperopetrovsk), Tserno-Moretz (Odessa), Zaria (Vorochilovgrad) and Karpaty (Lvov).

Naturally all these clubs have numerous youth teams, made up of the most promising talents which are searched out through the whole community.

Kiev can claim the privilege of having been the first to snatch the title of USSR champion away from the Moscowites.

This happened in 1961. Until then, the clubs from the capital had a monopoly on the title.

In 1961, the Ukrainian team was managed by Solovlev, a coach who did a lot to inspire his players with confidence in their own ability, confronted with the reputation of the Moscow teams.

However, the real launching of Dynamo Kiev towards the heights came about under the direction of coach Victor Maslov, a strict man who was known as a very clever tactician.

Unfortunately Victor Maslov died a few months ago at the age of nearly 70, after having served

football well first as a player and then as a teacher and coach.

Under his management Dynamo was yet again champion. With Maslov and after his departure, the Ukrainians from Kiev were six times champion of which three were consecutive.

Kiev has also won the USSR Cup on four occasions. In fact it is through the Cup that Dynamo Kiev first started to make its European reputation by winning the Cup Winners' Cup in 1974/75, beating in the final in Basle Ferencvaros of Budapest by 3:0 after a match which was a treat for the spectators thanks particularly to the extraordinary display of Blokhin.

A detail to be noted: that particular season Kiev took part in the European competition not as the winner of the USSR Cup, but because it was a finalist against Ararat, the latter having achieved the double (championship and cup) and preferred to play in the Champions' Cup, where the Armenian team was drawn against Bayern Munich.

It is not without interest to recall that the same Bayern team was beaten by Kiev during a match for the Super-Cup. 1975 was really a successful year for Dynamo Kiev which was champion of the USSR for the seventh time.

Besides Kiev, only Moscow and Leningrad have stadia of this capacity.

A sought after team for international tournaments, Dynamo Kiev has also, during these past years, provided the highest number of players to the various representative teams of the USSR.

Finally, one detail which is not to be forgotten in the list of honors of Dynamo Kiev is that it is one of two clubs — the other is Dynamo Moscow — which has taken part in all USSR championships of top category, this year making it the 40th championship. — (through FIFA News)

## Malta carries on despite big defeats

From HENRY BRINCAT in B'Kara, Malta

The Council of the Malta Football Association has just decided to continue with its policy of participating in international competitions — the World Cup and the European Football championship.

The decision came about after severe criticism from several journalists and the sporting public who felt humiliated by the 9:0 defeats registered at the hands of Austria and East Germany, in Salzburg and Babelsberg, in two qualifying matches for the 1978 FIFA World Cup.

Following these defeats, even the national coach John Calleja said (after the match against the German DR in October) that Malta should not take part in such competitions, because amateurs can never play against professionals.

But since then, the MFA has held a public forum in which several issues were explained in detail by the President of the Association.

During this forum it was made clear that the only real source of income for the local

Association was from these kind of matches, and it was due to this income that the MFA could send not only its national team on away assignments, but also its junior team to take part in youth tournaments, particularly those organised by UEFA.

The Press had earlier commented that something should be done to save our team from further humiliations. Several suggestions were made, including one to withdraw completely from all competitions.

There were others who suggested a "rest period" of say four years at least, in which the MFA would start from scratch, starting with the youngsters.

Even Sir Stanley Matthews, now a resident of this Mediterranean island, was interviewed on this issue by one of the leading newspapers, and he commented that Malta should never withdraw from these competitions, if they do not wish to be isolated.

After the public forum, even the national coach, Mr Calleja agreed that Malta should continue taking part in such competitions. "What should be done in future," he said, "is to try and avoid such humiliating scores, though we know that against such opposition we have no chance of success."

Before taking the important decision, the MFA again discussed the issue in detail and it was made clear that better preparations for such matches should be taken in hand. These would entail several sacrifices from all concerned, particularly the players, who, on this island, can be called part-timers.

## Charlie George and Flanagan in 'B' pool

LONDON — Mick Flanagan, a 25-year-old striker with Second Division Charlton, is the surprise name in Ron Greenwood's two England squads.

Flanagan, rejected by Tottenham Hotspur as a teenager, has scored 17 goals this season. He is a member of the re-created England "B" team to meet West Germany in Augsburg next Tuesday.

"This will be the biggest moment of my career," said Flanagan when he learned of his call-up.

Greenwood has selected a predictable England senior squad for a full international against the Germans in Munich next Wednesday.

All 11 members of the team that defeated Italy in a World Cup qualifying match at Wembley in November

are retained, as well as substitutes Stuart Pearson and Trevor Francis.

Two of England's most talented, yet unpredictable, strikers — Charlie George of Derby and Tony Currie of Leeds — come back into international reckoning with places in the "B" squad.

Greenwood has reintroduced "B" internationals, last played in 1957, in order to use senior players who don't make it to the full team.

The squads are: ENGLAND: Ray Clemence (Liverpool), Peter Shilton (Nottingham Forest), Phil Neal (Liverpool), Trevor Charr (Leeds)



Mick Flanagan

Dave Watson (Manchester City), Emily Hughes (Liverpool), Billy Bonds (West Ham), Ray Wilkins (Chelsea), Ray Kennedy (Liverpool), Trevor Brooking (West Ham), Kevin Keegan (SV Hamburg), Steve Coozil (Manchester

United), Bob Latchford (Everton), Stuart Pearson (Manchester United), Trevor Francis (Birmingham), Peter Barnes (Manchester City).

ENGLAND "B": Joe Corrigan (Manchester City), Phil Parkes (Queens Park Rangers), John Gidman (Aston Villa), Dave Needham (Nottingham Forest), Mick Lyons (Everton), Phil Thomson (Liverpool), Mick Mills (Ipswich), Derek Statham (West Bromwich), Brian Talbot (Ipswich), Terry McDermott (Liverpool), Tony Currie (Leeds), David Fairclough (Liverpool), Charlie George (Derby), Paul Mariner (Ipswich), Mike Flanagan (Charlton), Gordon Hill (Manchester United).



# NOW KOKKINOS TRIES OUT AT WEST ADELAIDE

**Ulysses Kokkinos has left Victorian First Division club Western Suburbs for Philips League club West Adelaide Hellas.**

The temperamental Kokkinos, formerly with Alexander, South Melbourne Hellas and Juventus, did not play a game for Western Suburbs, who bought him only a few weeks ago.

West's have put full-back Michael Stogiannos (ex-Alexander) on the transfer list because he

was demanding \$2,000 to play this season.

"We don't want greedy players," said coach Tony Vrina.

Mark Karapatos, who has not re-signed with the club, has been having talks with Canberra City.

Suburbs secured Steve Moore 22 from Slavia for \$2,500, signed striker Leo Stergiou 20, from Port Melbourne and goalkeeper Joe Kiss, 20, from Melbourne.

In practice games, Wests have defeated Melbourne 3-0, Sunshine 1-0, but went down 2-3 to Albion Leyland.



**Ulysses Kokkinos — to West Adelaide.**

## Croydon has two hurt

Croydon's non-playing coach Mick Plunkett has Jimmy Wyllie and Dick Ward injured.

On the credit side Croydon has signed Mooroolbark's Pat Lowrey and Alan Pongho, and last year's collar-bone casualties Roy Hamilton and Charlie Kelly have both recovered.

In fact the early season form of Hamilton and co-striker Mick Lynn should give Plunkett a lot of confidence for the coming season.

Another move that looks likely to succeed is the switching of strong midfielder Jim Blacker, into the back four.

Among the young brigade last years under 16 State representative Mark Brown looks like winning a regular place in the first team. Eighteen-year-old newcomers, Paul Davies, recent arrival from Wales, and Cameron Stirling from Ballarat, showed a lot of potential and will be pushing for inclusion in the first team.



**Leo Stergiou — from Port Melbourne to Wests.**



**Steve Moore — joined Western Suburbs from Slavia.**



**Joe Kiss — from Melbourne to Wests.**

## Cumberland Cup today

Victorian Cumberland Cup 1st Round tonight Wednesday February 15:

**EAST**  
Melbourne v Mooroolbark  
Monash University v Fernree Gully  
Doncaster Rovers v Clayton Brighton v Prahran City  
Box Hill v Ringwood Utd.  
Park Rangers v Caulfield City  
Nunawading City v Hawthorn

**SOUTH**  
Karingal v Frankston Pines  
Springvale City v South Dandenong  
North Dandenong v Langwarrin  
Morabbin City v Rosabud  
Yallourn v Dandenong City  
Morwell Falcons v Keysborough  
Sandringham City v Chelsea

**WEST**  
University of Melbourne v Corio.  
Melton v Western Suburbs  
Central Altona v Ardeer  
Sunbury v Hamlyn Rangers  
Ballarat v Bell Park  
Keilor City v Port Melbourne  
Hellas or Werribee v Geelong  
J.U.S.T. v Williamstown

**NORTH**  
Essendon City v Keilor-Austria  
East Brunswick v Heidelberg  
Greensborough v Coburg  
Fitzroy Alexander v Rotherham Utd.  
Carlton v Bullen  
Collingwood v Moreland  
Royal Park v Polonia  
Fawkner v Thomastown

## CUP RESULTS

**Cumberland Cup results: J.U.S.T. 5 St. Albans 1, Croydon 3 Knox 0, Waverley 2 Doveton 1, Park Rangers 3 South Yarra 0, Mornington 0 Chelsea 2.**

## Micevski's fee too high for German club

**Mike Micevski is one of soccer's nomads.**

Twenty three-year-old Mike recently transferred to Alexander, his fifth club.

And already he is thinking about his next move.

"I want to go back to Germany," he said, "but I've signed a two-year contract with Alexander, so that trip might have to wait."

Micevski spent seven months of last year in West Germant training with Second Division club Arminia Bielefeld.

Bielefeld offered him a contract but the German club and Marconi, which had rights to Micevski at the time, couldn't agree on the transfer fee. Frustrated, Mike gave up and returned to Australia. Marconi then sold Micevski to Alexander.

"At one stage it looked as though Marconi and Bielefeld had reached an agreement. Then Marconi raised the fee and the deal was off," said the disappointed Micevski.

"I haven't given up hope of playing in West Germany," he said. "I know I'm good enough to make the grade over there."

Proving that he is good enough, has been one of the things that has made Mike go from club to club.

Micevski began his career at Altona City. He came up through the juniors and made his first-team debut in the First Division at 18.

To gain recognition, he moved to State League club Hakoah.

"When I was with Altona I went to a few State junior team trials," he said, "but the selectors hardly ever picked any boys other than those with State League clubs. I knew I would have to be in the State League to get anywhere."

While at Hakoah, Micevski represented Victoria.

Next stop for Mike was Marconi in Sydney.

"To prove yourself a player, you had to play in Sydney," said Mike, "because everyone said Sydney soccer was better than Melbourne soccer."

At this stage there was no Philips League, so people could only guess when comparing Sydney and Melbourne soccer.

"I found Sydney soccer to be a lot easier," said Mike — a comment which is bound to bring him arguments from many Sydney fans.

After two years with Marconi, Mike was off again.

"I enjoyed my first year in Sydney," he said, "but the next year was terrible. I decided to leave."

Micevski is a great admirer of German soccer, so it was natural he should go to that country.

"German soccer is the best in the world," he said. "It is miles ahead of anything else."

For Micevski, having a crack as a professional in Europe was inevitably the next step.



**Soccer nomad — Mike Micevski**

"After training as a professional for seven months I know that is the level of soccer I want to play," he said.

During his stay at Bielefeld, Mike went to a training camp in Holland for two weeks with the club.

"The discipline was so strict," said Mike, "that each player's room had only a bed and a blanket. We trained three times a day starting at 6 am every morning."

Mike is taking lessons in speaking and writing German for when he returns.

Micevski has kept in contact with Christian Sackewitz, a Bielefeld player, through letters. Sackewitz toured Australia a few years ago with his previous club, Hertha 03.

"Klaus Fischer of Schalke 04 and Heinz Flohe of Cologne impressed me most of all the players I saw," said Micevski.

Mike, who has represented Australia at under 23 and unofficial full level, has lost interest in the national team.

"It's not worth it playing for the Australian team," he said. "The last time I was selected, which was during the games against Russia, I ended up losing my job. Australia must have professional players or it will get nowhere."

KYLE PATTERSON

ABOVE: Schalke's Klaus Fischer with his coach Friedl Rausch and teammate Rudiger Abramczik. BELOW: Cologne's Heinz Flohe (left). Fischer and Flohe impressed Mike Micevski the most during his stay in Germany.



**Christian Sackewitz, who toured Australia with his previous club Hertha 03. Sackewitz was a good friend and club mate of Micevski's at Arminia Bielefeld.**

## Greek Cup next week

Collingwood Hercules will hold the Greek Summer Cup contested by Hawthorn, Clifton Hill United, Thornbury, Sandown, Melbourne Travellers, C.B.C. Clifton Hill Y.C.W. Parori Florinis and Collingwood City A and B.

The ground is Ramsden Street Reserve, Clifton Hill. Games are every Sunday and kick off is at 1 pm.

Programme:  
FEBRUARY 22: Collingwood City A vs Sandown, Hawthorn vs Clifton Hill United, Collingwood City B vs Melbourne Travellers.

FEBRUARY 25: Melbourne Travellers vs Parori Florinis, Collingwood City A vs Hawthorn, Clifton Hill United vs C.B.C.

MARCH 5: Thornbury vs Clifton Hill Y.C.W., Collingwood City B vs Parori Florinis, Collingwood City A vs Clifton Hill United.

MARCH 12: Sandown vs Hawthorn, Thornbury vs Melbourne Travellers.

FEBRUARY 19: Sandown vs C.B.C., Parori Florinis vs Clifton Hill Y.C.W., Collingwood City B vs Thornbury.

Collingwood City new coach is Aldo Vesnauer, former Fawkner and Essendon City coach.



## ZIKA NIKOLIC



Predsednik nogometnog kluba KEILOR-AUSTRIA samo je potvrdio svima poznatu bolnu istinu, kada je rekao da us igraču izgubili svaku proporciju o svojoj pravoj vrednosti, a još više o materijalnim mogućnostima klubova za koje igraju. Ali nisu samo igrači krivi. U Melbourne i okolini žive stotine klubova nego što ima igrača. Mnogi klubovi nemaju pravu sportsku osnovu, niti igrački kadar, ali iz ličnih, sentimentalnih, nacionalističkih i sličnih razloga, na silu se održavaju u takmičenju, zbog čega placaju paprene cehove. Neki igrači koriste takvo nezdravo stanje i veliku potražnju na igru na crno za dva, pa i tri kluba ili su skloni prodnim i ucenjivanju kad god im se ukaže prilika. Samo protiv takvih pojava ne mogu da se bore oni koji ih stvaraju.

AMPOL Kup je ponovo ozveo nogometnu atmosferu, koja je upola manje zanimljiva i uzbuđujuća bez klubova Nacionalne Lige. MAKEDONIJA je obradovala svoje navijače ubedljivom pobedom od 3:0 nad Ringvudom. Ali činjenica, da je Ringvud nepoznata snaga i da u drugom poluvremenu "crveno-crni" nisu postigli ni jedan gol zbog svojih gresaka, ne dozvoljava preterani optimizam.

Probne utakmice klubova Nacionalne Lige nisu nikakvo merilo prave snage, naročito kada se igraju protiv malih i ambicioznih klubova. Treneri velikih klubova eksperimentišu sa novim i mladim snagama, osobito ako regularni igrači potrebuju odmor da bi zalečili brojne povrede. Ne računaju se da svaki poraz na trening utakmici može da dovede u pitanje reputaciju, inače se takve utakmice ne bi igrale, niti bi mladi i novi igrači ikad imali šansu da pokažu šta znaju i šta im nedostaje. Teko je prošle srede borbeni i žilavi Port Melbourne pobedio prvim tim "plavih" sa 4:2 u igri koja je imala tri trećine od po pola sata. Ovu trening utakmicu je posmatralo samo 50 gledalaca (ili slevina pedeset), uključujući funkcionere oba kluba. Ciljovao je menjan svaki čas igrača, dok su dva nova golmana malo pokazali, jer ni jedan sut nisu uspeali da odbrane. Zadnjih 10 minuta Port Melbourne je dao tri gola zbog ležerne igre odbrane, koja je pored toga bila vrlo neiskusna. Golove za JUST su postigli Nicolaides i Rujevic. U nedelju je JUST dobio trening utakmicu protiv Farknera sa 6:3. Protivnik je bio bolji, ali je JUST-ova navala bila preciznija, dok se u odbrani opet eksperimentisalo. Zbog povreda nisu igrali prošle nedelje Boland, Kriaris i Vasic.

U predtakmičenju za Cumberland Cup drugi tim JUST-a je pregazio St. Albans sa 5:1 (3:1). Sto rezultat nije bio dvočlifen treba zahvaliti pristrasnom sudiji i nepreciznoj navali JUST-a, koja pored toga nije imala sreću pred golom. Junak utakmice je bio Cvetan Talevski, koga su držali rukama, udarili po nogama, ali ga nisu mogli zadržati u prodorima. Postigao je sva tri gola u prvom poluvremenu, jedan lepši od drugog, ali je zato čiste šanse promasio.

U drugom poluvremenu probudio se pred kraj utakmice Misa Ristic i zapечатio sudninu St. Albansa sa još dva gola. Sastav JUST-a: Filipovski, Grbac, Karic, Dimovski, Cankovic, Martin (Kaldor), Talevski, Belic, Ristic, Petrevski, Atanasovski (Hatvani).

U prvom kolu Cumberland Cup-a, koji se igra tokom ove nedelje sastaju se dva prijateljska tima: drugi tim JUST-a i INTER iz Williamstowna. Steta sto jedan od njih mora da ispadne.

## USPELA JUNIORSKA PROBA

Nije važno sto su iskusniji juniori JUST-a pobedili Cilence iz Hothama sa visokim rezultatom, ali je bilo lepo videti prijateljski ceremonijal i lepo sportsko ponašanje svih malšana, njihovih roditelja i brojne publike koja je uzivala u divnoj sportskoj atmosferi. Cilenci su poklonili "plavima" ususne zastavice.

Tim JUST-a ispod 14 godina pobedio je Hotham sa 14:0. Strelci: Osman Latif 6. Blagoevski 3, Mik Ovetkovski 2, Dragan Trkulja, Toma Karic i Sasa po jedan.

Ispod 15 godina: JUST — Hotham 7:1. Strelci: Tibor Hagimas 2, Robert Edgar 2, Branko Mitrovic, Sulejman Curovic i Dragi Petrovski po jedan.

Juniori JUST-a ispod 12, 14 i 16 godina treniraju ponedeljkom, sredom i petkom posle škole u Footscray-u. Novajlije treba da se obrate treneru Pepi Duginu za sve informacije.

## SVE VICE NAGRADA ZA PLAVU NOC

Za PLAVU NOC, koja se održava u subotu 25. februara u Dandenong Town Hall-u ulazice se mogu dobiti u kasapnici DUNAV u Springvalu po ceni od 4 dolara. Pored lepog programa i plesa, najveću pažnju privlači bogata lutrija. Pored direktora "Hermesa" iz Dandenonga g. S. Milisavljevic-Koreje, avionskog povratnu kartu će dati i vlasnik "Jadrani" putničke agencije g. Milan Mijuskovic. Prema tome dva sretna navijača "plavih" gledace prvu utakmicu svojih ljubimaca u Adelaidi 5. marta. Izgleda da će biti još ovakvih nagrada (avionske karte), pored ostalih na koje smo navikli.

## INDUSTRIJSKA LIGA

Posle kraceg predaha Tarax je odigrao prijateljsku utakmicu sa Watson Roversom, koja se završila sa rezultatom 5:5. Dok je imao snage Tarax je snirao loptu i puno protivniku mrežu, sto mu je snaziji protivnik vratio u drugom poluvremenu sa istom merom. Jedino opravdanje za Tarax je nedolazak golmana, pa je poverenje bek Rankovic morao da stavlja izmedju stativa. Razigrani Mladen Kresinger je postigao sa cetiri Taraxova gola u prvom poluvremenu, dok je peti dao "stranac" u svojoj zemlji Steven Lay.

TARAX je izveo sledeci sastav: Rankovic, Millinov, R. Kresinger, Mladenovic, Davis (Pantic), Brkic, Kosovac, M. Kresinger, Adamovic, Griffith (Lay), Hadziabdic. Ovoj ekipi ecevidno nedostaje maestro Tomislav Stankovic, koji je zbog prezaustetnosti morao da obesi kopačke o klin. Stane je postao menadzer noćnog lokala "Happy Bistrot" u Springvalu, gde se okupljaju sve bive i sadašnje nogometne svezde.

Kad smo vec kod igrača koji napustaju igralista i TARAX posebno, treba spomenuti zaslužnog i redovnog igrača Bratislava Rankovica, koji u nedelju igra oporastnu utakmicu jer se vraća u Jugoslaviju. Utakmica počinje u 4 sata po podne na Monash University igralistu. Posle utakmice priredjuje se sedeljka u Hampton Parku, gde će Veljko Tadic okretati rostili. Tom prilikom će biti urucen Rankovicu trofej za uspešnost na utakmici koja je održana sa Tarax.



## WINNING A TROPHY

Winning a trophy! That's what soccer is all about. You strive all year to clinch that championship. If you're a goalscorer, you try to be the best. If you're an exceptional player your aim is to win the player of the year prize. Our photographer SAM BELFONTE has put together a collection of those who achieved their aim in soccer — to win a trophy. The pictures, working down from left to right, show:

- Skipper Yasha Behich after Royal Park had won the Victorian District League Cup;
- Mick Watkins of Juventus Melbourne, with the 1977 Bill Fleming Player of the Year award, being congratulated by VSF vice president Mr. Tommy Burns;
- Pet Della Rocca holds up the 1977 Dockerty Cup, won by Juventus;

- John Gardiner, with the 1977 Victorian Ampol Cup won the Essendon Croatia and, below that picture, J.U.S.T. captain Frank Micic with the 1976 Dockerty Cup;
- Glasgow Celtic captain Danny McGrain is chaired off by his team mates after Celtic had won the World of Soccer cup, beating Red Star Belgrade at Melbourne's Olympic Park last year;
- Celtic of Essendon Croatia holds aloft the 1977 Victorian Armstrong Cup for reserves;
- Rale Rasic of Marconi was voted the 1977 Australian Coach of the Year. Here he is with his trophy, at the gala presentation night at the Melbourne Hilton;
- Keith Stackpole (left), of Rothmans, presents the 1976 Rothmans State League champion's cup to the then South Melbourne player, John Kosmina;

- for being voted 1977 Australian player of the year;
- George Cross captain-coach Billy Wilkinson accepts the 1977 Victorian State League champion's cup from Rothmans' Keith Stackpole;
- George Mirabella, son of the then Juventus president, Paul Mirabella, presents the annual Italian Cup to Luciano Sciola, captain of Regent;
- Frank Micic (left) and Joe Palinkas hold up the 1976 Dockerty Cup;
- Juventus coach Bobby McLachlan with the 1977 Dockerty Cup;
- The top individual winners of 1977, from left: Rale Rasic, coach of the year; Jimmy Rooney, player of the year; John Kosmina, best under 21 player;
- Skipper Ian Humble with the 1977 Victorian State League Cup.



ΠΟΣ ΘΑ ΦΕΡΟΥΜΕ  
ΤΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΑΘΛΟΥΣ  
ΣΤΑ ΓΗΠΕΔΑ;

Παρά την αβεβαιότητα των φιλάθλων κατά την διάρκεια του πρώτου εθνικού πρωταθλήματος οι αριθμοί κάθε άλλο παρά ικανοποιητικοί ήταν για τις προσδοκίες των διοργανωτών της εθνικής κατηγορίας.

Υπάρχουν βέβαια άγνες που τράφησαν και δέκα και δεκαπέντε χιλιάδες φιλάθλους στο γήπεδο αλλά αυτοί οι άγνες είχαν ιδιαίτερα ενδιαφέρον λόγω της συμμετοχής Ευρωπαίων άσων.

Η ιδέα της άλλης γης των ονομάτων όμως αν... Άγγλικά, διότι Αυστραλικά, είναι μόνον τα... Νάρα γκατσάνγκ, Έταμόνγκ κλπ, για να εντυπωσιάσουν τους Αυστραλούς και να έλθουν στο γήπεδο αποδοκίμασε λανθασμένη άνδει ανόητη, διότι ούτε Αυστραλοί ήταν στο γήπεδο αλλά ούτε καμιά φορά ακούστηκαν μέσα στο γήπεδο ισάκεις φητρου, φητρου όταν έπαιζε ο Άλεξάνδρος.

Οι θύοντες των ομάδων συνεχίζουν να θαυμάζονται από το έρωτά τους. «Πώς θα φέρουμε τους φιλάθλους στα γήπεδα».

Νομίζω ότι η πιο σωστή ερώτηση είναι τι κάνουμε για να φέρουμε τους φιλάθλους στα γήπεδα. Και η πιο σωστή απάντηση σ' αυτό το ερώτημα είναι, κάνουμε λανθασμένες ενέργειες. Παιρνουμε λανθασμένες αποφάσεις ιδιαίτερα για τις Έλληνικές ομάδες που υποτίθεται ότι άκμαζαν κρατώντας τα σκάφη στα άρτια φιλάθλων έστω και μειωμένα.

Παιρνοντας αποφάσεις που δεν προσφέρουν τίποτα το ουσιαστικό στο ποδόσφαιρο στους ποδοσφαιριστές, στους φιλάθλους, το βασικό αυτό τρίγωνο που λέγεται ποδόσφαιρο της Αυστραλίας.

Μαθαίνουμε ή διαβάζουμε κάθε λίγο και λιγάκι για νέες μεταναφοές. Και δεν περνά λίγος καιρός και οι μεταναστεύουσες αυτές μεταναφοές αποδεικνύονται άπονημες. Και εφόσον φεύγει από τα γήπεδα... Γιατί; Γιατί αυτό που τους προσφέρουν τα ποδοσφαιρικά σωματεία δεν τους άρεσει. Και αυτό που δεν άρεσει στον φιλάθλο, το σωστό και όχι το φαντασμένο, είναι το στείρο και παθητικό παιχνίδι για το οποίο φέτος θα πληρώσει τρία δολλάρια για να το δει.

Το ποδόσφαιρο στην Αυστραλία γίνεται άλλο και πιο συντηρητικό. Πιο άμυντικό, πιο άναρό, άκόμια και για τους ίδιους τους ποδοσφαιριστές. Ο φιλάθλος δεν συγκινείται με παθητικό παιχνίδι. Τέτοιο παιχνίδι ή ούστημα μπορεί να ικανοποιήσει τον προπονητή διότι πέρα σε ένα άκόμια παιχνίδι χωρίς να ήπαιξέ η ομάδα του, πράγμα που κάνει την δουλειά του πιο εύκολη στον Σύλλογο.

Ο φιλάθλος όμως απογοητεύεται βλέποντας ένα ναρό



PETER GEORGIU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

παιχνίδι και δεν ξαναρχεται στο γήπεδο. Ο φιλάθλος θέλει να δει την ομάδα του να σκοράρει. Θέλει να βλέπει γκολ, το οποίο αυτό κατ'εξοχήν για τους στερήσεις επιθετικούς μας. Θέλει να φωνάζει για το γκολ που θα δεχτεί η ομάδα του και για αυτό που θα πετύχει. Θέλει να πεταχτεί από τη θέση του και να ενθαρρύνει τους παίκτες της ομάδας του για να πετύχουν και άλλο γκολ. Για να πείστον φίλο του και την Άλλη Κυριακή να τον φέρει να δει καλό ποδόσφαιρο, να δει ποιόματα.

Όταν όμως κάθεται μόνος ώρα για να παρακολουθήσει την μάχη των ομάδων και να δει ένα αποτέλεσμα 0-0 ύστερα από ένα παιχνίδι μηδενιστικό, φεύγει από το γήπεδο και δεν ξαναρχεται.

Και άπορουν οι θύοντες! Μα γιατί δεν έρχονται; Δεν κάνουμε τίποτα το σωστό για να τους προσφέρουμε θέαμα.

Οι δύο Έλληνικές ομάδες δεν άγορασαν κανένα νέο επιθετικό παίκτη. Από αυτούς που ήδη έχουν, λίγοι είναι που θα προσφέρουν σπουδαίες στιγμές φιλάθλους. Αντίθετα, τρέχουν, θαυμάζονται, ξεδούσαν χρήματα για παίκτες που έχουν καταντήσει επιθετικά για την Αυστραλία, μέσους και άμυντικούς. Νά ικανοποιηθεί δηλαδή η πρώτη σκέψη του κάθε προπονητή, εδμούνα και λιγότερα γκολ στο παθητικό μου για να μη χάσω την δουλειά μου. Καμιά διάθεση για επίθεση, καμιά διάθεση αλλαγής του θεάματος.

Είναι εύκολο να διαβάσουμε για ομάδες που στο Σουέντ, που σε άγνες μεταξύ τους μετά βίας συγκεντρώνουν τριακόσιους φιλάθλους, ότι ηγοράζουν γκολτζήδες από την Βραζιλία και την Ν. Αφρική και να άκούμε τις Έλληνικές ομάδες να συζητάνε για εκάστη και άμυντικούς την ώρα που ήδη έχουν πληθώρα από αυτούς στο δυναμικό τους.

Τι πρέπει να κάνουμε λοιπόν για να φέρουμε τους φιλάθλους στα γήπεδα; Νομίζω ότι πρέπει να φροντίσουμε οι Σύλλογοι να αλλάξουν το θέμα που προσφέρουν μέχρι τώρα στους φιλάθλους στα γήπεδα. Να προσφέρουν στους φιλάθλους συγκινητικές μέσες στα γήπεδα. Να τους προσφέρουν θέαμα. Γκολ.

Π. Γεωργίου

# WOMEN'S SOCCER SURGES AHEAD

Women's soccer in Sydney has improved beyond all expectations in the last few years, starting with the Metropolitan competition 10 years ago.

Now there are eight districts Kurling, Manly, Warringah, Nepean, Eastern Suburbs, St. George, Sutherland, Canterbury and South-Western Districts, with over 200 teams competing in local competitions.

Women's soccer has gained recognition, with the N.S.W. Women's Soccer Association being affiliated with the N.S.W. Federation of Soccer clubs, and the Australian Women's Soccer Association affiliating with the A.S.F.

The A.W.S.A. has also managed to become affiliated

with the Asian Ladies' Football Confederation.

An Australian XI was sent to Hong Kong to participate in the 1st Asian Cup Tournament in 1975.

However the most popular opponents have been the New Zealand women.

The most interesting of these encounters is the Inter-City Challenge Cup between Auckland and Sydney.

This has been played for twice so far.

The inaugural series was

won by St. George, with Blacktown Spurs as runners-up.

The Kiwis were guests in Sydney and had a marvellous time.

The second series was played in Auckland and Ingleburn RSL and Blacktown Spurs travelled to New Zealand to take part.

Sydney teams once again did well, with Ingleburn RSL bringing home the cup and Blacktown Spurs coming a good second place.

It has been rumored that

Hurstville Saints are preparing to travel to Auckland this year to defend the title, and are looking for another team to accompany them.

The outstanding team over the past 10 years in the Sydney competitions must surely be St. George.

For their first three years the girls played for the Prague Club, but then moved over to form the nucleus of the present St. George team.

During this time the girls have remained undefeated N.S.W. champions, captained by Pat O'Connor, who is surely one of NSW's most outstanding and notorious players.

Pat has also captained the N.S.W. State side for 14 games with the enviable record of having won 13 and drawn one.

However, it was in Hong Kong that St. George suffered its first defeat.

As a club side playing against full international sides under the name of an 'Australian XI', the girls did a fine job, being beaten only by Thailand and New Zealand by the odd goal in five in both matches.

They made up for these defeats by scoring highly creditable victories over the Malaysian and Singapore sides 5-0 and 3-0 respectively.

It is interesting to wonder what the future holds, with plans for visits of international sides to Australia, a full Australian squad to tour overseas, soccer to be included in the curriculum of all schools for both sexes, and to have all States entering a squad in the Australian Championships.



Julie Dolan of St. George B women's team.

## Hong Kong trip soon

Twenty-four players were chosen from the Australian Women's soccer championships, from which a final squad of 18 will be selected to represent Australia in Hong Kong this year.

Plans are already going ahead in Hong Kong by the Asian Ladies Football Confederation to hold the biggest women's soccer competition yet and they have invited teams to enter from Europe, including England and Italy, plus Asian teams.

N.S.W. had nine players chosen in the 24 and it would not be surprising to see all nine in the final 18.

N.S.W. players chosen were: Leigh Wardell (Kurling), Connie Byrnes (Nepean), Pat O'Connor (St. George), Julie Dolan (St. George), Kim Costello (St. George), Cindy Heydon (St. George), Trixie Barry (St. George), Sueanne Larsen (St. George) and Therese Dillon (St. George).

## Gully aims at success



Green Gully Ajax women's team kicked off the 1977 Victorian season with a good Cup victory, and hopes to repeat that success this year.

The girls, pictured above are, from left, back row: Karen Galea, Vivienne

Derry, Rose Sammut, Danica Pavlovic, Wilma Paase. Front: Arnold Langer (coach), Maryanne Seguna, Belinda Cruickshanks, Mimi Sellors, Anna Jutras, Irma Pavlovic. Missing: Hazel Donovan, Nancy de Vin, Liz Stuart and Kim Bussuttil.

## Promoted

At right is Springvale City women's team, which has won promotion to the First Division of the Victorian Women's Soccer Association.

Top goalscorer in the First Division in 1977 was Andrea Martin of Greensborough, with 35 goals.

Carole Wrench (Waverley), with 24, was top scorer in Division Two and Cheryl Elvey (BCAE) with 18 goals, was top scorer in the Bendigo league.



# \$140,000 BOOST!

Springvale is fast becoming Melbourne's soccer hot-bed.

Springvale council and Springvale soccer club are together spending \$140,000 on soccer facilities in the area.

Much credit must go to councillor Peter Collins, who is president of the Slavia club and M.L.A. for Noble Park.

The council is building \$40,000 changing rooms at Springvale's junior ground, which should be completed by mid-March, and \$50,000 dressing rooms at the club's senior

ground, Ross Reserve. These should be finished by July.

A sprinkler system has also been installed at the reserve.

The club is spending \$50,000 on clubrooms, but these are still at the planning stage.

Springvale are hoping to get the ground enclosed as this would make the set-up complete and give Vale one of the best grounds in the First Division.

## 6000 players, 350 teams

Invitations are now being called for the biggest junior tournament in the world — the Gothia Cup in Gothenburg, Sweden.

A total of 350 teams and about 6000 players will compete in the tournament, from July 16-21. Applications close on



April 15, 1978, and should be addressed to Gothia Cup, Stora Nygatan 13, S-411 Gothenburg, Sweden. Entry fee is \$33 per team and \$69 per participant, covering three meals a day, free transportation in Sweden, and cost of entertainment.

There are seven age groups, including one for girls. These range from the youngest group, for boys born August 1, 1959 and later, to the oldest group, for boys born August 1, 1963 and later. The girls' group is for ages from August 1, 1959.



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As a service to all you "Soccer Action" readers we will try to help you find that game the easy way, through our new friendly game column.

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A view from the junior ranks  
BY LEIF JENSEN

## Looking for friendlies?

15 clubs only to find that you still can't get the game you want. Just send us the above details so that any coach interested can contact you for the game you both want.

So write to us today, remembering of course that we must have your letter in hand by Friday if you want it published the following Wednesday — and please keep in mind

that these games are called Friendly Games, so let us try to keep them that way!

I saw such games played last year, and they were far from friendly. As a matter of fact one game was played so hard that you would have thought it was the F.A. Cup final.

Let us instead try to play these games the way they were meant to be played — and shake hands as we leave the ground.

Have you got your boys' passports updated yet? Don't forget that any boy registered in 1973-74 or 1975 must have his passport updated, as he will not be eligible to play this season if this is not done.

How do you do this? You simply bring the passports concerned to the Soccer Federation, complete with the boy's birth certificate and two new photos (head and shoulders) and a new passport will be issued within a couple of weeks.

## 10 hat-tricks, 12 in one game

Keep an eye on this young fellow. His name is Andrew Dominiko and he played for Brighton under 11s in Melbourne last year. Andrew scored 63 league and cup goals in 19 games. He would have reached 69 goals but

the opposition tormented the last game because it had no passports. The game was played as a friendly and Andrew scored six goals. His total of 63 includes 12 in one game and also totals of four and five, and 10 hat-tricks.



# International scoreboard

**GREECE**  
AEK 2, Panathinaikos 1; Epilios 1, Panionios 0; Apollon 2, Veria 0; Aris 1, Pierikos 2; Ethnikos 0, Ymittos 2; Kavala 2, Iraklis 0; Kastoria 2, Panathinaikos 3; Panathinaikos 1, Olympiakos 0; Paok 5, O.H.

**ITALY**  
Bologna 1, Pescara 1; Foggia 0, Roma 0; Lazio 0, Atalanta 2; AC Milan 0, Juventus 0; Napoli 2, Inter Milan 2; Perugia 0, Genoa 0; Torino 2, Vicenza 2; Verona 0, Fiorentina 0.

**HOLLAND**  
VV Venlo 1, NAC Breda 1; Amsterdam - FC Den Haag postponed; Volendam - Sparta Rotterdam postponed; Telstar - Vitesse Arnhem postponed; Go Ahead Eagles - FC Twente postponed; Roda JC Kerkrade - Heracles postponed; Feyenoord Rotterdam 1, Ajax Amsterdam 1; NAC Breda - Utrecht postponed; Vitesse Arnhem 1, AZ67 Alkmaar 2.

**SPAIN**  
Athletic Bilbao 2, Real Madrid 0; Espanol 4, Burgos 1; Sevilla 1, Sporting 2; Salamanca 1, Elche 0; Las Palmas 1, Rayo Vallecano 1; Hercules 1, Valencia 0; Racing 2, Real Sociedad 2; Cadiz 0, Real Betis 5; Athletic Bilbao 1, Barcelona 0.

Standings after 21st round:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Real Madrid	14	3	4	45	21	31
Barcelona	11	5	5	31	15	27
Rayo Vallecano	10	5	6	40	27	25
Sporting	9	7	5	32	25	25
Athletic Bilbao	9	6	6	36	24	24

**AUSTRIA**  
Rapid 4, Vienna 1; SSW Innsbruck 1, Grazer AK 0; Sturm Graz 1, Austria Wien 1.

Leading Standings:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Austria Wien	16	6	2	47	23	38
SSW Innsbruck	11	4	8	29	19	26
Sturm Graz	9	8	7	36	35	26
Rapid	8	8	8	43	30	22
Grazer AK	6	10	8	30	33	22

**PORTUGAL**  
Boavista 0, Varzim 2; Espinho 2, Guimaraes 1; Paços de Ferreira 0, Belenenses 2; Benfica 1, Sporting 0; Académico 3, Rio Ave 1; Braga 2, Farense 1; Setúbal 1, Porto 4; Estoril 0, Marítimo do Funchal 0.

**FRANCE**  
Bordeaux 3, Strasbourg 0; Sochaux 1, Nîmes 1; Bastia 0, Nantes 0; Laval 2, Troyes 1; Lens 0, Valenciennes 2; Monaco 2, Nice 0; Bordeaux 3, Strasbourg 0; Reims 0, Marseille 0; Sochaux 0, Nîmes 0; Paris SG 2, Lyon 3.

**ENGLISH DIVISION ONE** - Chelsea 2, Man. Utd. 2; Leicester 1, Arsenal 1; Man City 2, QPR 1; West Ham 1, Bristol City 2. All other matches postponed.

**DIVISION TWO** - Blackburn 2, Luton 0; Bolton v. Sunderland postponed; Brighton 2, Burnley 1; Bristol 2, Orient 1; Crystal Palace 1, Sheff. Utd. 0; Mansfield 2, Cardiff 2; Millwall 3, Notts C. v. Fulham postponed; Southampton 2, Millwall 3; Staley v. Hull postponed; Spurs 2, Blackpool 1.

**DIVISION THREE** - Bradford C. v. Tranmere postponed; Cambridge 3, Plymouth 0; Colchester v. Northam postponed; Exeter 1, Peterborough 0; Gillingham v. Chester postponed; Hareford 0, Preston 0; Lincoln 1, Portsmouth 0; Oxford 0, Carlisle 0; Sheff. Wed. 3, Port Vale 1; Walsall 3, Shrewsbury 0; Wrexham 1, Chesterfield 1.

**DIVISION FOUR** - Newport 3, Rochdale 0; Watford 0, Barnsley 0; Wilmanslow 0, Scunthorpe 0. All other matches postponed.

**SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION**: All matches postponed.

**DIVISION TWO**: Forfar 1, Stranraer 1 (abandoned after 35 min.). All other matches postponed.

**NORTHERN IRELAND** - Ballymena 1, Ards 3; Bangor 1, Coleraine 0; Cliftonville 3, Glenties 1; Distillery v. Glenties postponed; Linfield 3, Crusaders 1; Portadown 2, Larne 2.

**ENGLISH DIVISION ONE**

	HOME	AWAY
Nott Fer	10	4
Man City	11	2
Everton	9	3
Liverpool	9	2
Arsenal	8	4
Leeds Utd	7	2
Coventry	7	3
Aston Villa	6	2
WBA	6	2
Cardiff	6	1
Man Utd	7	2
Dorset City	5	3
Midland	5	3
Bristol City	7	3
Chelsea	5	3
Wolves	5	4
Ipswich	8	2
Birmingham	5	3
West Ham	4	5
QPR	4	5
Newcastle	4	1
Leicester	2	6

**DIVISION TWO**

	HOME	AWAY
Tottenham	9	5
Bolton	11	1
Southampton	2	2
Brighton	8	5
Blackburn	10	2
Oldham	7	5
Blackpool	6	4
Crystal Pal.	6	4
Luton	7	3
Sunderland	7	3
Bristol R.	8	5

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Tottenham	9	5
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Sunderland	7	3
Bristol R.	8	5

**SCOTTISH PREMIER**

	HOME	AWAY
Rangers	9	2
Aberdeen	8	3
Dundee	5	2
Partick	7	1
Motherwell	7	3
Hibernian	5	2
Celtic	6	2
St Mirren	5	4
Ayr	4	2
Clydebank	3	1

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE 1**

	HOME	AWAY
Dundee	9	2
Morton	8	2
Heart of Midlothian	7	2
Dumfries	5	1
Kilmarnock	4	6
Hamilton	7	4
St. John's	4	1
Strirling	3	5
Arbroath	5	4
Queen of the South	5	3
Airdrie	4	5
Montrose	4	6
Alloa	2	4
East Fife	3	3

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2**

	HOME	AWAY
Barwick	7	0
Clyde	8	2
Rath	5	2
Falkirk	4	5
Albion R.	6	3
Ferfar	9	0
Dunfermline	7	2
Stranraer	6	3
Cowden	5	2
E. Stirling	4	2
Queens Park	4	5
Stenhousemuir	4	6
Headhousie	1	4
Broch	2	1

**Leading goal scorers in English soccer:**

23 - Bob Latchford (Everton).  
18 - Ian Wallace (Coventry).  
17 - Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool).  
16 - Trevor Francis (Birmingham). Ray Hankin (Leeds). Peter Withe (Nottingham Forest).

# Hellas v. Olympic, Sunday

The two big losers of last weekend, South Melbourne Hellas and Sydney Olympic, will meet in a practice game at Middle Park on Sunday at 5pm.  
Olympic will field new defender Stuart Markland, 29, captain of Scottish club Montrose.  
Markland is due to arrive tomorrow (Thursday).

# OLLERTON SENT OFF AS SAINTS CRUSH HELLAS

By Kyle Patterson

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Cummings) ST. GEORGE 3 (J. O'Shea, Morgan, Hensman) Middle Park, Sunday. Crowd 2000.**

Hellas' Hansen 7, Pye 8, Vaughan 7, Katsalidis 7, Hagegeanuou 6, Wright 7 (Kent 8, half-time), Lutton 9, Daparis 8, Rogers 7, Cummings 7, Ollerton 7 (sent off 40th min.).  
ST. GEORGE: Coe 7 (Patterson 6, 56th min.), Ujesenovic 9 (Morgan 86th min.), Harris 7, Holmirk 7, Terry 7, Grosse 9, Mendez 8, Robert O'Shea 8, Gnani (Duricic 8, 20th min.), John O'Shea 8, Hensman 9.

For the second successive practice game, Hellas had a player sent off.

Socceroo Peter Ollerton, the Hellas captain, got the red card after elbowing St. George centre-back Emery Holmirk in the face.

Bertie Lutton had been sent off in the Wednesday night game against Alexander.

Luckily for Hellas, neither player faces suspension as the incidents occurred in unofficial matches.

For this game, St. George was without Socceroo full-back Harry Williams and striker Phil O'Connor, both of whom are injured.

George Harris played sweeper for the Sydney club and Rudi Gnani was a last minute replacement for Neville Morgan, who became a reserve.

Gnani lasted only 20 minutes before coach Ilya Takac substituted him.

"He was not playing well and made too many bad passes," said Takac.

Hellas started with Cummings, whereas in previous weeks it has used two. Lutton played up front until Ollerton was sent off. He then reverted to his normal midfield role.

Peter Hensman put St. George

Margaritis Hagegeanuou saved Hellas when he headed a volley by Zoran Duricic off the line, but Robert O'Shea should have made it 2-0 five minutes from the interval.

Mendez sent Hensman away on the right with a good ball.

Hensman took the ball to the by-line and cut it back to O'Shea who screwed his shot wide with keeper Hansen stranded.

The game took a twist when Ollerton was sent off on the stroke of half-time.

Chris Kent replaced Sammy Wright in a move which was aimed at giving Hellas more fire-power up front in Ollerton's absence.

Kent wasted no time settling in and showed good skills and speed.

He won a free kick for Hellas and Lutton's chip into the middle was headed over by Billy Rogers.

However, it was St. George that was the more accomplished side. Disregarding the fact that Hellas was one man short for half the game, it showed class and teamwork, remarkable for such a young team.



Bearded Neville Morgan heads home St. George's third goal just after coming on as a substitute. No. 9 is John O'Shea, No.3 Margaritis Hagegeanuou and at left is Peter Vaughan. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

into the lead in the eighth minute with a well-taken goal.

The ball was slipped to him in space inside the penalty area and he headed before stroking the ball past Hellas keeper John Hansen.

The St. George midfield of Brendan Grosse, Carlos Mendez and Robert O'Shea worked like a well-oiled machine and Doug Ujesenovic was a constant threat to the Hellas defence with his overlapping runs down the right.

In the first half, Hellas fed Lutton and Ollerton plenty of long high balls, hoping they could head the ball into space and create scoring chances.

The two target men won a lot of balls in the air, but rarely was a Hellas player on hand once the ball hit the turf.

Lutton came close in the 28th minute when he hit a shot into the side netting after Mike Pye had found him with a good far-post cross.

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